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## Briefly

### Scouts to feed flood victims

More than 1,000 local youths will be mobilized on Saturday, Aug. 7, to help feed flood victims in Granite City, Madison, Venice, Pontoon Beach, Mitchell and the surrounding area.

Organized by the Trails West Council, Boy Scouts of America, this local "good turn" will involve Scouts and volunteer leaders in an effort to collect thousands of cans of food to help ease the food problems of flood victims. Scouts hope to supply the Salvation Army in Granite City with several weeks of food supplies.

Directed locally by J.W. Wyatt, Scouts will canvass individual homes in neighborhoods throughout the community Saturday between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. to pick up donated food. Families may fill plastic grocery bags with non-perishable food items, such as canned meats and vegetables. Scouts will collect the food and deliver it to the Salvation Army.

"This project is one of the most remarkable statements of the Scouting spirit that we can make," Wyatt said. "It's one of the most worthwhile efforts we can make in our community. Hunger is a problem we can address, and our neighbors facing the pain of hunger are people we can help directly."

### Bridges clogged

Bridge closings related to river flooding have caused traffic congestion on such routes as Interstate 270 and its bridges, as well as the Poplar Street Bridge. An article appears on Page 7A.

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## Deaths

Charles Allen  
Mary Canham  
Dorothy Hurley  
David Jacks  
Mildred Lewis  
David Reid  
Alonso Van Hoose  
Clarence Woodward

## Lottery

Results in Illinois were:  
Aug. 4: 7-2; Pick 4: 0-3-4-4  
Little Lotto Game  
09-11-20-23-29  
Lotto Game  
07-25-41-42-44-45  
Aug. 3: 6-8-3; Pick 4: 8-3-3-9  
Aug. 2: 3-6-5; Pick 4: 5-3-7-1  
Little Lotto Game  
05-10-15-19-30  
Aug. 1: 5-8-5; Pick 4: 2-6-1-1  
July 31: 1-4-6; Pick 4: 3-5-6-5  
Lotto Game  
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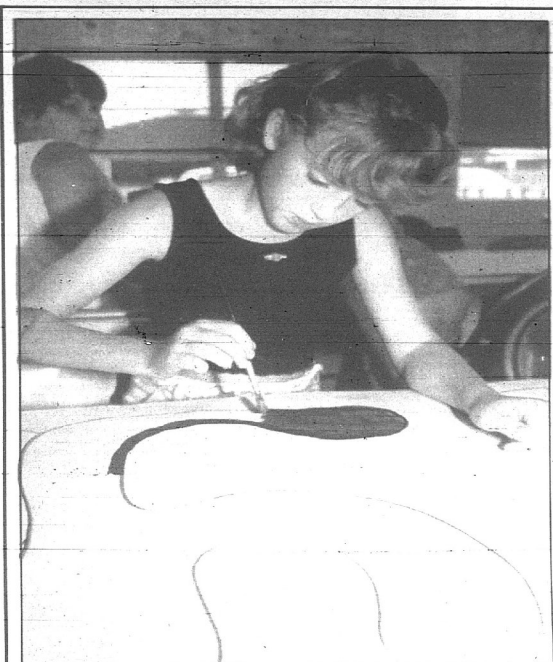
## 75 years ago

Aug. 3, 1918  
Harry Davis, son of the pastor of Niedringhaus Methodist Church, put Granite City on the map by winning a gold medal in the 100-yard dash at a field meet between soldiers and sailors in San Francisco. The meet, attended by 8,000 soldiers and sailors, was a benefit for the Red Cross. It raised \$14,000.

## Trivia

How much did the Niedringhaus brothers pay for the land that became Granite City?

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(Staff photo by PAM DOEPKE-HURD)

**Thank you** — Casie Reeder, 9, paints in the letter 'Y' on a "Thank You" banner that children at the Tri-City Park Tabernacle made to thank people for donating to their food drive for flood victims.

## Worst of flood threat is over

By Mike Myers  
Staff writer

"It ain't over until the fat lady sings." The flood threat isn't over, but Shang Greathouse thought he could hear the lady warming up her vocal chords Wednesday.

The Mississippi River was holding at 47.5 feet Wednesday afternoon — 17½ feet above flood stage, but nearly two feet lower than its all-time record 49.43-foot crest Sunday.

Greathouse, president of the Metro East Sanitary District, is starting to smile again for the first time since the Fourth of July.

"The river's going to have to drop three or four more feet before I really feel comfortable."

"It's got to get to 43 or 44 feet, but our troubles grow less with every inch it drops," he said.

"It's been an ordeal, but today I feel like someone's added 10 years to my life."

The McKinley Bridge in Venice remained closed Wednesday, but acting Bridge Manager Tyrone Q. Echols said

its engineers may allow it to reopen as soon as the river level drops below 47 feet. The bridge was closed Friday night as a safety measure when debris began collecting on a partially submerged non-load-bearing cross member that is normally well above the river surface.

The city of Venice, which owns the McKinley Bridge, is heavily dependent on the bridge revenue, but Echols said the city's insurance will cover all but the first 72 hours of lost revenue.

As he has every day since the Mississippi reached flood stage June 28, Greathouse took time Wednesday to inspect the MESD's Mississippi levees that run from the Hartford Canal north of Granite City to the Prairie Du Pont canal south of Cahokia.

"It's hard to believe there can be so many little problems," he said, "new problems that we've never had, problems that no one could have imagined because no one could have imagined the river

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## Special meeting planned on Madison trash fee

By Mike Myers  
Staff writer

Madison aldermen will "hash out" the details of a city trash collection fee at a special meeting next week.

Meeting July 20 as a committee of the whole, the aldermen agreed to establish a monthly fee of \$8 for trash collection, resulting in new revenue of about \$240,000 a year.

Based on input from a public hearing July 13, the aldermen opted for the collection fee rather than a 5 percent utility tax on water and telephone service or a general property tax of 33 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation.

The aldermen will meet again as a committee of the whole at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 11, to put together a final plan for the trash fee so that an ordinance can be written.

At Tuesday's City Council meeting, City Attorney Nighossian presented the aldermen with a draft ordinance establishing a collection fee, but said the fee amount must be based on the actual amount needed to operate the trash collection service.

In the appropriation ordinance approved last week, Madison lists \$186,100 under garbage collection — which mathematically would result in a monthly fee

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## Suit focuses on police promotion process

By Bob Slate  
Staff writer

Three former Granite City police commissioners say that it has been "a long-standing policy and practice" to promote officers within the department in order of their appearance on eligibility lists.

But two current commissioners say that promotions are "an exercise in discretion," and that past adherence to the lists is coincidental.

The former commissioners' statements are part of a motion for summary judgment, filed by

attorney Melroy Hutnick July 30 on behalf of Sgt. John Apperson in his lawsuit against the city. The suit seeks, among other things, \$15,000 for breach of contract.

In May 1989, then-sergeant Dave Ruebhausen, whose name appeared below Apperson's on the existing promotion list, was promoted to lieutenant over Apperson, prompting the suit.

"For over 20 years, it has been the policy and practice of the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners to promote officers based on their ranking on the eligibility lists... The only time in all of these years



Apperson Ruebhausen

there was a deviation from this well-established policy was when it came time to promote Sgt. Apperson to the rank of lieutenant," the motion states.

In support of Apperson, Ralph Elliott, commissioner from May

1965 to May 1973; Weldon Burch, commissioner from May 1973 to May 1989; and Dan Partney, commissioner from April 1985 to April 1987; all swear in affidavits filed Friday that the "policy and practice" regarding promotions in the police department during their tenures consisted of testing to establish an eligibility list and then hiring from the list in the order of rank.

But current commissioners Edward "Deewe" Melton and Leland Ambuehl said that promotions since 1988 have been at their "discretion" rather than strictly according to rank on

eligibility lists. They said they would have the court believe all of this is nothing more than one coincidence after another coincidence after another coincidence," the motion states.

Records show that there were 18 promotions — nine officers were promoted to sergeant, six sergeants were promoted to lieutenant, and three lieutenants were promoted to captain — during the calendar years 1988 through and including 1993.

In every instance except Apperson and one other, the

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## Bremen Avenue repair costs show sharp rise

By Bob Slate  
Staff writer

What was once a problem street on the northern area of Granite City has become a disaster — a disaster that will be expensive to fix.

Against the objections of some aldermen who said the city could not afford it, the City Council voted 9-3 Tuesday to authorize Juneau and Associates, its engineering firm, to prepare plans and seek bids to repair Bremen Avenue.

Joe Juneau said that, based on a preliminary inspection of the site and a meeting Tuesday with representatives of the Illinois Department of Transportation, a total reconstruction of the existing road is necessary.

Juneau estimated the cost to repair the road at between \$70,000, utilizing the street department, and \$150,000 for a private contractor to do the job, complete with curbs and gutters.

Because the city's motor fuel tax funds are obligated for other projects, that money will not be available for another three years, City Comptroller K.P. MacTarggart said.

The street, which has been patched and repatched in recent years, has been the source of many complaints from its residents, said Alderman Dan Partney.

For example, a resident complained to the City Council last week that the slag that has been used in recent repairs done by the street department creates a lot of dust.

The council voted last week to expend \$400 to have the slag analyzed for any hazardous compounds it might contain.

Alderman Craig Turf asked what had happened between last week and this week that raised the price tag.

"Last week we were authorized \$400 to analyze the rock. Now you're saying it is going to cost as much as \$150,000 to fix."

(See STREET, Page 2A)

## Tax collection speeding up

By Shay Wessol  
Staff writer

Property tax season is in full swing throughout the Madison County, and collection is going better than usual, the county treasurer said.

According to figures compiled by Treasurer John Shimkus, more taxes are being collected quicker than they were last year.

Now, with tax season in its 10th week, about \$73 million in property tax revenue has been collected this year, which amounts to 55 percent of the total revenue.

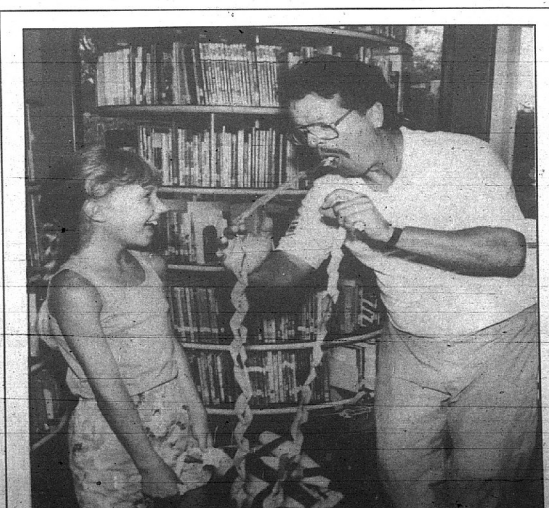
"We're not going to get much better than that," Shimkus said. "We're having a really good cycle."

At this time last year, only about \$60 million had been collected, he said.

"We've really concentrated on educating people and getting them to use their local banks to pay their taxes," Shimkus said.

When Shimkus took office three years ago, the first goal was to speed up the collection process. Long lines of people would stretch out the doors of his office.

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(Staff photo by PAM DOEPKE-HURD)

**Magic man** — Ten-year-old Ashley Bywater watches as Trebor the Magician pulls a paper chain from his mouth. Trebor entertained children at the Granite City Branch Library with his magic, comedy and juggling. See Page 7A for more photos.

## Alton officials working to 'jump start' water plant

ALTON — Mayor Bob Towse is working with officials from the Illinois-American Water Co., Jefferson Smurfit Corp., a neighboring community and the Illinois Department of Public Health to "jump start" the water plant.

Results of an underwater inspection Tuesday of the plant's settling basins and interior showed Illinois-American will not be able to begin repairing the plant on the Great River Road before next Tuesday if river forecasts hold.

"But we're going to try to get it going sooner, even if it means just supplying water that has to be boiled," Towse said. "At least we could take showers and flush toilets."

The Mississippi River must recede 2 feet more before work can begin, company spokesman Wayne F. Schlosser said late Tuesday night.

The National Weather Service predicts the river will not fall to 41.1 feet until Friday. The river should recede to 40.1 feet by Tuesday, according to the seven-day forecast.

If the forecast pans out, it will be a week or longer before repairs can begin, said Ray Kopsky Jr. of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. "There's too much water stored behind the levees now, and that needs to come out."

Water company officials think they can restore half of the plant's operating capacity "hopefully fairly soon," Towse said. The plant normally pumps 10 million gallons of water per day to 7,000 customers.

The system cannot operate at less than 5.5 million gallons per day, the mayor said. "Anything less would be like having a flat tire and putting in one or two pounds of pressure. The tire would still be flat."

But even if officials could get 5 million gallons from within the plant, another 500,000 would be needed daily, Towse said.

Jefferson Smurfit, 401 Alton St., could "easily" provide the needed water from wells at its Alton mill, 10 Cut St., production manager Roger Hagan said.

"We have committed to Illinois-American and the city to contribute some water to try and get the plant going. They are working on how to make the connection," Hagan said.

Officials are considering building a half-mile, above-ground 12-inch pipe connecting Jefferson Smurfit's waterworks to a water company line, Towse said. "We're looking at doing this in a very short time frame."

He said he may also ask East Alton officials about tapping into the village's system to get the 500,000 gallons.

"We're talking about things like what is the closest fire hydrant in East Alton to an Illinois-American line. I'll listen to anyone who has an idea in that regard," Towse said.

East Alton Mayor Wayne Buttry said Tuesday night he had not been contacted by Towse or other Alton officials but added, "If there's any way we can help, I assure you we will."

Illinois-American engineers were discussing "a program to restore partial plant capacity" with Towse, Schlosser said in a prepared statement. Structural damage to the entire water plant is "a major concern," he added, until the water is gone, he said.

"We have to get the building dry to get in there and really see how bad it is," Schlosser said. Once the floodwaters fall, Alton officials plan to put television cameras through the Downtown sewer system to look at damage in the business district.

Illinois water dogs around the businesses, we'll start assessing the damage in the sewers, streets and sidewalks," Towse said.

Floodwater burst through the streets from underground storm sewers Sunday flooding 75 Downtown businesses.

In Calhoun County, fruit growers will start hauling a bumper peach crop across the flooded Illinois River on a ferry this weekend.

The Illinois Department of Transportation will operate a temporary ferry from Calhoun County across the floodwater to Jersey County.

"It's great news. We'll be able to get our big peach crop across the flood," Brussels peach grower Ron Wegel said.

IDOT crews are building rock roads to ferry landings on both sides of the river, said Dale Klorer, IDOT district engineer.

The ferry will cross 4 miles of floodwater from Deer Plain near Brussels to Graham Hollow Road on the Jersey County side, Klorer said.

"Our crews are spreading 1,000 tons of rock on a 3,000-foot road on the Jersey landing."

The 12-vehicle ferry will take an hour to cross the flooding river, he said.

"We'll try to bring a second ferry from Kampsville. We may not succeed because of low-hanging power lines."

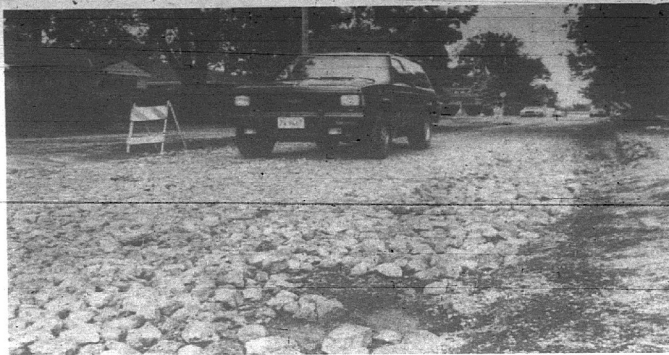
The Mississippi River at Grafton was at 37.6 feet Wednesday morning and holding steady.

The Illinois surged to a record 42.2 feet Tuesday night at Hardin, forcing more people out of their homes than 800 people are of their homes in the county," said Barbara Burris of the county Emergency Service and Disaster Agency.

The Salvation Army is serving 3,500 meals a day to people in Grafton and flooded towns from Calhoun to Greene County.

"We're delivering meals to people in trucks, boats and helicopters," said Capt. Bill Shields, commander of the Army Community Center in Alton.

— From the Alton Telegraph



A four-wheel-drive vehicle navigates through a rut on "impossible" Bremen Avenue on Wednesday morning.

## •Street

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What happened between last week and this week? "Tarpoff asked."

Juncosa explained that the street department removed the existing roadway during the week with the intention of constructing a new oil and chip surface. But when the existing surface was removed, it was discovered that no stable sub-base existed on which to repave.

He said that the excavation went as deep as a foot and a half in some areas, and the road is now virtually impassable.

Aldermen Sandy Crites and Jim Miller said Bremen Avenue is not the only street in town in need of repair.

"I'd like to fix every single

street, but I know we can't afford it.... I kind of wish (the street department) would have come over and torn up Wabash Avenue so we could get it fixed," Crites said.

She said she is wary of awarding contracts for street repairs because of the "deplorable job" some contractors have done in the past.

Miller said he agrees that Bremen Avenue needs to be repaired, but he also said the city must compile a prioritized list of all needed street repairs.

"It is ludicrous to spend money that we just don't have. We have similar situations all over town."

"Is there a long-range construction plan for every road in town or are we just authorizing projects for whoever screams

the loudest or whoever screams first?" Miller asked.

"I don't see that doing Bremen Avenue is any more than saying, 'This is the problem of the day,' and doing repairs piecemeal," Miller said.

Alderman Tom Candler said there are at least three streets in the 5th Ward in similar condition to Bremen Avenue.

Partney and alderman Casmer Skubish, Judy Whitaker, Walter Milton, Kim Affolter, Eddie Asador, Freddie Frudrick, Bob Page and Bob Shipley voted to approve the preparation of plans and to seek bids.

Miller, Crites and Candler voted in the minority.

Tarpoff was out of the room when the vote was taken.

Aldermen Nick Petrillo and Juanita Crawley were absent from the meeting.

## Flood relief benefit at Silvermoon

By Martin Richter  
Staff writer

Eight popular country western bands are donating their services for a flood relief benefit at the Silvermoon Country Western Dance Hall in Collinsville on Saturday.

The event will run from noon to 3 a.m. and will include an auction of donated items, including autographed items from many top country stars. Cost to get in is \$5, and all proceeds from the door fee and the auction will go to the American Red Cross and the Salvation Army.

The schedule of bands playing at the benefit is: Cheyenne, noon to 1:30 p.m.; Santa Fe, 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.; Prairie Fire, 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.; James R., 5 p.m. to 6 p.m.; General Lee, 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.; Southbound, 9:15 p.m. to 10:15 p.m.; Rocking Horse, 10:45 p.m. to 11:45 p.m.; Dixie River, 12:15 a.m. to 1:15 a.m.; Southern Train, 1:45 a.m. to 2:30 a.m.

Terry "Bones" Allan will be handling the auction, at 6 p.m., 7:30 p.m. and 10:15 p.m.

Among auction items are autographed items from Alan Jackson, John Anderson, Ricky Van Shelton and Clinton Gregory, packages at resorts and hotels, Cardinals tickets, beer items, and double dates with two female bartenders and with the head male bartender and head of security.

"There are a lot of other things too," said Pam Snapp, one of the club's owners.

## Woods seeks new trial; alleges 'eavesdropping'

By Shay Wessol  
Staff writer

Convicted child molester Frank Woods of Granite City and his Belleville attorney, armed with a list of 14 complaints, will ask the Third Circuit Court for a new trial next week.

A jury found Woods, 55, of the 2400 block of Sunbury Avenue, guilty in March of two counts of aggravated sexual abuse of a 10-year-old girl. The abuse allegedly occurred between January and April 1988.

Woods was active in civic and community organizations and has no previous criminal record.

His case file is filled with handwritten letters from friends and family members that express disbelief at the charges and offer testimony to Woods' kind and caring personality.

The written motion requesting

a new trial, submitted to the court in May by Woods' new attorney, John Sprague Jr., alleges that the court erred in both authorizing and allowing "illegal eavesdropping" to be heard at the sentencing hearing.

Associate Judge J. Lawrence Keshner sentenced Woods in May to 50 years in prison after hearing damaging testimony from Nelson Hill, a former inmate at the Madison County Jail.

Miller testified during Woods' sentencing hearing that Woods had offered him more than \$300 to rape and kill the abused girl and her mother after they testified against him. Miller wore a wire during his conversations with Woods.

The motion also outlines 12 other alleged faults with the trial.

A hearing on the motion is set for Tuesday morning before Keshner.

## Governor thanks flood volunteers

Gov. Jim Edgar has expressed his appreciation to thousands of volunteers from Illinois and across the nation who have helped shore up levees and aided victims of the worst flood in the state's history.

"Not surprisingly, one of the worst natural disasters to hit Illinois has brought out the best in Illinoisans. Those who have valiantly battled the flooding in order to protect their homes and livelihoods have been joined by thousands upon thousands of volunteers in an unprecedented outpouring of assistance," the governor said.

"More than 9,000 volunteers participated in sandbagging one weekend after calls to our hot line. Others have come forward to assist in various ways. In all, more than 6,500 calls have been handled by the 200 volunteers staffing the 1-800-650-CARE hot line," Edgar added.

Those volunteering to help

with sandbagging were directed to key locations by hot line staffers. Other offers of assistance were reviewed by representatives of the American Red Cross, the Salvation Army, Lt. Gov. Bob Kustra's office of volunteer action, the Illinois Emergency Management Agency and the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

"Those representatives matched many offers of assistance with requests for specific kinds of help. Every offer has been reviewed and will be acted upon as soon as it is matched with those who have offered land and feed for the animals."

Edgar said cash donations are very useful and should be directed to well-established charitable organizations that are assisting in the flood relief effort.

"Those donations allow the organizations to buy goods and services that are needed most," Edgar said.

## Alton Belle safely anchored on river

ALTON — The Alton Belle Casino is resting safe and sound in the midst of racing river currents.

Gambling boat officials said the Belle is in no danger of breaking loose from its moorings or becoming a target for run-away barges.

"We have tugboats and crews permanently stationed around our property 24 hours a day," said Dan Marshall, director of investor relations. "They're keeping an eye out for floating debris and our property to make sure it stays in place."

After the Mississippi River crested Sunday, the Burger King barge, a decommissioned mine-sweeper and attached boats

broke loose from their docks on the St. Louis riverfront. The group of vessels crashed into the Poplar Street Bridge, causing major damage, before being corralled by tugboats.

Marshall said the Alton Belle's barges are anchored by 40-foot steel cylinders that run through the barges and into the riverbed.

The barges also have cables that attach to "dead men," holes on the shore that are filled with concrete to hold the anchors.

"We could also turn the engine on if the barges broke loose," he said. "That goes for the former Belle as well as the new boat."

Marshall said the currents in downtown St. Louis reportedly move faster than the currents

near the Belle.

"We're located in the pooled part of the river," he said. "It's actually pretty calm. When you look at the water it almost looks like a swimming pool."

Officials have also extended and raised the entrance ramp for safety, he said.

"We're doing everything we can to ensure the safety of our passengers and employees," he said. "We're up and operating and ready for the river to go back down."

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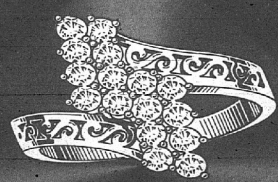
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## Board removes item from assessor's proposed budget

By Bob Slate  
Staff writer

The first warning shot has been fired in the township assessor's office.

In the first act of what may eventually end up as a war, the Granite City Town Board — including Mayor Ron Selph — voted unanimously Tuesday to remove a \$600 item from its fiscal list until Assessor Darlene Laub can justify the expenditure.

The bill was apparently a registration fee for four workers in Laub's office to attend a training and certification seminar this week.

Laub, who was in Bloomington attending the seminar, did not attend the meeting Tuesday night and could not be reached Wednesday for comment.

While reviewing the township budget last month, some of the trustees said there is a possibility that services are duplicated between the township assessor's office and the county supervisor of assessments and Board of Review.

If services are duplicated, they said, money budgeted for the township assessor's office could be better spent on other programs, such as street maintenance, a senior center, youth activities or more financial assistance to the needy.

The proposed fiscal year 1993-94 township budget, to be voted upon Sept. 7, appropriates more than \$250,000 for the assessor's office including Laub's \$37,000 salary, \$212,000 for salaries of her nine full-time employees and \$11,000 for training and certification.

Laub said last month that hers is one of the only assessor offices in the state where all employees are certified to do assessments.

At that time, several aldermen asked Laub why training and certification of all employees is necessary in Granite City Township if other assessors throughout the state do not train all employees.

The trustees had asked Township Attorney Bill Schooley for an opinion regarding the duties, powers and obligations between the town board and the assessor.

The board also asked that expenditures in the budget, which includes appropriations for Township Supervisor Neilson Hagnauer's office, be broken down by department so that

expenses for each office can be considered separately; and asked Laub to prepare a comparison between her office and other assessors' offices in similar townships in the county.

Schooley's opinion, received last week, states that the town board has budgetary power over the assessor's office and has the power to levy taxes to pay those expenses.

State law requires the township to employ an elected assessor and to provide necessary office and storage space, equipment, office supplies, deputies, clerical and stenographic personnel, and travel and transportation expenses, the opinion states.

The assessor determines the number of employees needed and their salaries and benefits.

"The law is pretty clear," Schooley said.

He said that the proposed township budget has been broken down by department as requested and that Hagnauer is reviewing it before submitting it to the trustees.

Laub is compiling a comparison between her office and other township assessors' offices, Schooley said.



(Staff photo by FAM DOEPKE-HURD)

**Donation** — The training programs of the Childrens Home & Aid Society of Illinois in Granite City and Family Service Visiting Nurse Association Head Start Program of Alton were greatly enhanced when the National Automobile Dealers Charitable Foundation, in coordination with the Illinois Automobile Dealers Association and Albrecht-Hamlin Chevrolet Inc. in Wood River, recently presented two Rescued Anne training units to the organizations. From left are Jan Fredstrom, FSVNA Head Start; Janet Schmitt, Children's Home & Aid Society of Illinois; Mike Healey, director of dealer services; and Mark Hamlin, principal dealer of Albrecht-Hamlin.

## Burris launches governor's campaign

SPRINGFIELD — Attorney General Roland Burris celebrated his 80th birthday by being the first declared candidate for governor in the 1994 election.

Burris said Tuesday that he is "uniquely qualified to serve as the state's chief executive officer."

He said he would "not support a tax increase" if elected governor and would increase state funding for education by dedicating more natural revenue growth to schools and "cutting the waste and bureaucracy."

The first black elected to statewide office, Burris is expected to have a crowded primary fight for the Democratic nomination. State Comptroller Dawn Clark Loutch will announce her candidacy next week and announcements are expected in the fall from state Treasurer Patrick Quinn and Cook County Board Chairman Richard Phelan.

Burris announced four years ago that he was running for governor but was persuaded by party leaders to instead run for

attorney general. Burris was state comptroller for 12 years.

In a state where that was part of a statewide fly-around, the Centralia native said he had "a blueprint that will carry us into the next century," but said he wouldn't reveal details until after he was elected.

Although the major boosts in state spending recently have been for Medicaid, prisons and combating child abuse, Burris wouldn't say if he would cut spending in those areas.

He criticized the Republican administrations of Jim Edgar and James Thompson for "building a new prison a year." And he said, "I'm going to clean out the Department of Children and Family Services."

By directing the bulk of projected revenue growth from current state tax sources to education, a 50 percent state funding share for schools could be re-established in five or six years, Burris said. The state's share of the education tab has declined to about 33 percent in the last 18 years.



Roland Burris

Burris said if other state departments had limited their spending increases as he has as attorney general, the state would be better off.

However, in the last two years Burris actually requested higher increases in office operating funds than other constitutional officers. He justified the hikes on the grounds he had to make severe cuts when he took office because his predecessor, Neil Hartigan, failed to budget union pay raises he negotiated.

— From the Alton Telegraph

## Law prohibits all smoking at day cares

Gov. Jim Edgar has signed legislation to protect young children from the dangers of second-hand smoke by prohibiting all smoking in day care centers.

"Second-hand tobacco smoke is a health threat to all of us, but it presents a special risk for children, causing respiratory infections and endangering youngsters with asthma," the governor said. "This legislation will help protect the health of children and is good preventive public health policy."

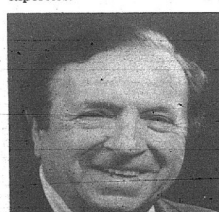
The measure will prohibit individuals from smoking tobacco in any area of day care centers where children are allowed, regardless of whether children are present. In addition, the smoking ban will apply to areas of day care homes or group day care homes where children are present.

The governor also signed proposed legislation, Senate Bill 828, which requires homeowners to disclose known defects and other information about their

property when they sell their home.

Potential buyers may cancel an accepted offer within three business days after the disclosure of any material defects.

The governor also approved Senate Bill 269, which requires the Department of Commerce and Community Affairs to develop an annual award program, in cooperation with the Department of Agriculture and the Illinois Development Finance Authority, to recognize Illinois exporters.



Sam Vadalabene

## Vadalabene hospitalized again

Sen. Sam Vadalabene, D-Edwardsville, has recovered from a bout of pneumonia but is expected to remain in St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Granite City for a few weeks.

"He seems to be holding his own but he's very weak. He's strong of mind but his body's getting weaker," said Pat Hill, Vadalabene's Springfield aide.

Vadalabene spent his 70th birthday Saturday in the hospital and received numerous cards and letters, Hill said.

She said the senator's condition was described as stable and that he will require daily care from a nurse when he goes home.

Vadalabene's kidney dialysis treatment for diabetes and his other ailments have prevented him from returning to Springfield since last summer. He missed both the fall and regular spring legislative sessions. He was sworn in for a new two-year term in January at his home in Edwardsville.

A senator for more than 22 years, Vadalabene was not well enough to talk on the phone Tuesday.

He has previously indicated he has no plans to resign.

— From the Alton Telegraph

## Flood victims to help others

Madison County will help plug the leak of jobs being washed away by the Great Flood of '93.

Up to 150 county residents who lost their jobs as a result of the flood will be eligible for temporary employment helping local governments and nonprofit agencies provide flood relief.

"The only requirement is that they have to be able to do the work they have been put out of work either permanently or temporarily as a result of the flooding," said Bill Hanke, program operations manager for the Madison County Employment and Training Office.

The County Board last month gave Hanke's office permission to seek just over \$1 million in federal disaster relief to hire 150 people.

However, Hanke said it appears the county will initially receive only about \$225,000, with the possibility of more later.

"Right off the bat it looks like we'll have enough to hire 20 or 30 people, and then we'll have to wait and see how the funding situation plays out," Hanke said after the board approved the jobs program.

Madison County is eligible for the money as a federal disaster area. It will be funneled to the county through the Illinois Department of Commerce and Community Affairs.

"Hopefully, we'll be able to help as many people as possible," Hanke said.

Individuals would be limited to six months of employment and about \$6,000 in wages each, according to federal regulations.

Interested people can apply for the jobs at the local county Employment and Training offices at 2001 College Ave., Alton; 130 Hillside, Edwardsville; and 3701 E. Nameoki Road, Granite City.

"We should have a definite figure on what we can do and how much help we can provide by early next week," Hanke said.

Madison County is competing with many other Mississippi River counties also declared federal disaster areas for relief funds.

— From the Alton Telegraph

## Gawkers pose problem in some flooded areas

ALTON — The raging Mississippi River isn't the only thing rising in Downtown Alton.

Blood pressures are soaring as city officials and emergency workers try to hold back floodwaters and gawkers at the same time.

"I can understand the interest, but it really got out of hand this past weekend," Alton Capt. Rick McCain said. "Dozens of sightseers ignored barricades and warnings and went about their business recording the flood."

"Hopefully the water will go down by the weekend and we won't have to deal with the crowds. We need to do our jobs and the spectators are hindering emergency services."

Hundreds lined sidewalks and streets Saturday and Sunday to catch a glimpse of the flooded downtown business district. Cars were backed up 20 and 30 deep at several intersections in addition to some motorists who stopped in the middle of roadways to take in the action.

"There weren't a lot of accidents reported Sunday despite all the traffic," said Traffic Division Sgt. Doug Childers. "It's really surprising, especially when you have people stopping their cars in the middle of intersections to take pictures."

"I saw two cars stopped in the middle of Market and Third

(streets) blocking traffic while the drivers were taking pictures," he said. "We definitely don't want that."

Police arrested a CBS News cameraman from Miami after he allegedly muscled his way through a barricade and pushed an officer after she asked for his identification.

McCain said additional arrests may be necessary if sightseers continue to disobey barricades and police commands.

"We definitely won't be out there looking for spectators to arrest, but if they cross emergency lines or interfere with emergency operations, it may be necessary," he said.

— From the Alton Telegraph

## Victims' pets get free food

The Madison County Humane Society has free pet food for flood victims who own pets.

The 10,000 pounds of food was collected by Noah's Ark Animal Hospital of Indianapolis, and was delivered by Roadway Trucking to Madison County Humane Society, 5 A's and the Granite Animal Protection Association.

The donated food is being stored at Peter Station Feed and Supply, owned by Melvin Campbell, in Glen Carbon. Any flood victims who need food should contact Pam Liles of MCHS at 692-4336.

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# Opinion

## Editorials

### Take hard look at assessor

Taking the first real shot in the growing battle between Granite City Assessor Darlene Laub and the Granite City Town Board, the board, made up of the aldermen and mayor, voted unanimously to disallow a \$600 expenditure for Laub's staff to participate in an Illinois Property Assessment seminar.

The Granite City Assessor's Office has an annual budget of around a quarter of a million dollars not including employee benefits, under the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund, Social Security and Medicare. The overwhelming majority of that budget goes for salaries — \$37,000 for Laub and \$212,000 for her nine full-time employees.

During the budget process this year it was argued that the function of the office — the assessment of real estate for tax purposes — could be handled by the office of the Madison County Supervisor of Assessments. Already, it was pointed out, the county, not Laub's office, is responsible for handling challenges and appeals on the assessments of Granite City property.

The Town Board cannot do away with the assessor position. As an elected official, Laub is entitled to her full salary for the term to which she was elected. Laub, not the Town Board, has the legal responsibility and right to decide how many people to employ, the salaries and benefits given the employees and the job descriptions of the employees.

What the Town Board does control are the purse strings — legally it can cut out everything except Laub's salary. The board has challenged Laub to prove that the taxpayers are actually getting a quarter of a million dollars worth of service from her office that the county office can't provide. Otherwise, when it approves the appropriation for this year, it will cut out everything except Laub's salary.

This is a new, interesting and exciting concept in government — a sort of a "lowest price in town or money-back" guarantee on elected officials. In these times of tight money, it is important that taxpayers get the "biggest bang for their buck" and this might be an effective, albeit drastic, way to do it.

It may well be that Laub can successfully prove the worth of her office. We hope she can — it would be upsetting to discover we've been gouged in the past. But if it is discovered that some money — even if it's only a few dollars — is not being well spent there is no doubt those dollars are desperately needed elsewhere.

Some years ago, the Ad Council ran a campaign with a theme of "Ever notice that when things compete they get better?" When competing for a limited number of consumer dollars, the campaign said, products and services must continually improve or face going the way of the double-edge safety razor.

The Granite City Town Board has decided that, when competing for a limited number of taxpayer dollars, its government services should be held to the same standard: Be state-of-the-art or face elimination.

The Granite City Town Board is right in taking a long, hard look at its assessor's office. And all other area governments would do well to apply this standard to all elected and appointed officials.

## 6-week adjournment delay

(Comment by Aurora Beacon-News)

The more things change, the more they stay the same. Remember back to January, when the current General Assembly took its seats with newly named Senate President James "Pat" Philip enlisting veteran Democrat and House Speaker Michael Madigan in a bipartisan pledge to wrap up the legislative session by Memorial Day this year.

Well, as usual, the statutory 30 adjournment date (after which it takes three-fifths supermajorities to pass anything) again rolled by.

This year, it wasn't until 13 days later, mid-July, that both houses and political parties reached agreement on a new, \$30 billion state budget and went home.

This wouldn't be a record, of course, if the results truly represented genuine governmental progress or, at the least, some change in course, but they don't.

Indeed, the traditional search for winners and losers comes up largely empty on both counts in this cobble-stone behemoth — except, that is, for the taxpayers, who once more lost big.

True, the plan does provide for the infusion of an additional \$145 million above the \$1.6 billion the state last year kicked in as its contribution to public education.

However, lawmakers once more did little to nothing to tweak an outdated educational aid formula that forces primary focus for public school funding onto the disparity-producing base of local property taxes.

Likewise, the Department of Children and Family Services is getting \$130.9 million more, public health garners a \$94.3 million increase, the Department of Corrections is gaining \$64.2 million, the Supreme Court receives a \$14.4 million hike and lower courts gain an added \$16.6 million.

None of this, however, is likely to make much of a dent — beyond, that is, merely holding back the tide a bit longer — in a host of vital, ongoing social concerns. Worse yet is the fact that state lawmakers fattened the new budget with an added \$1.6 billion — up from \$30.2 million last year to \$31.8 in the new fiscal period — for the General Assembly's own burgeoning bureaucracy to spend.

As a matter of fact, the only major state budget that seems to have taken any kind of budget hit is that of the governor's office, which — woe to its staff — will have to get by with an entire \$5,000 less than the \$7.6 million they managed to spend over the 12 months just ended.

Left holding the \$30 billion budget bag are the taxpayers. It's likely no surprise to anyone that the governor and General Assembly Republicans and Democrats alike finally opted to make permanent that so-called temporary, quarter-percentage surcharge on the state income tax that has been renewed ever since it first was enacted in 1989.

Nonetheless, the surcharge technically had expired on June 30, and its reimposition indeed represents a \$435 million bite the taxpayer public otherwise would have been spared.

Such also is the case with the reimposition of an expiring .3 cent-a-gallon gasoline tax that likewise was renewed through the year 2013 to provide revenue for the cleanup of hundreds of leaking, underground gas tanks.

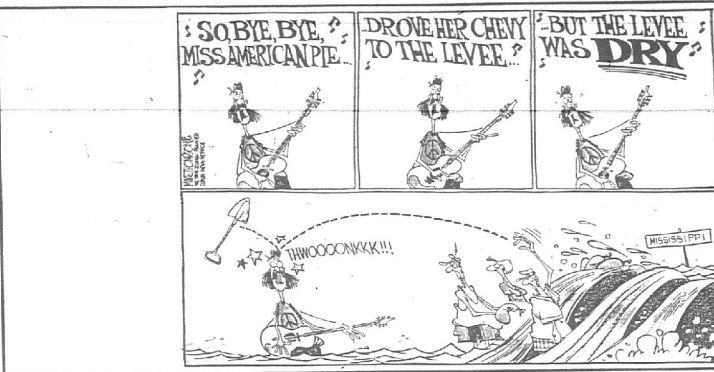
Then, there comes the imposition of a 14 cents-a-pack increase in state cigarette taxes — along with a brand new 20 percent tax on pipe and smokeless tobacco products — that the governor and legislative leaders would have us believe are not taxes at all but user fees.

The new revenue these hikes are supposed to produce will go to offset an even more unpopular tax — the \$6.66 a day "granny tax" that lawmakers last year applied to nursing home patients to help capture federal Medicaid dollars — but tobacco taxes seldom produce the revenue forecast.

The taxpayer voters, however, probably hoped for more than this when, in last fall's elections, they sent this General Assembly a record number of freshman lawmakers.

To be sure, many newcomers did do what they could but the system again won out.

What's more, it likely will continue to do so until those same voters send this new wave of lawmakers even more fresh-minded colleagues to help.



## Letters

### Bogus agents are not from APA

TO THE EDITOR:

The Association for the Protection of Animals of Granite City has been informed that a man and woman posing as members of the APA have been going door-to-door collecting money and confining animals.

The APA feels it is necessary to inform the public that these people are not members of the APA and we suspect them of fraud and animal exploitation. They are suspected of collecting animals to sell to research laboratories.

This couple has approached individuals not only in Granite City but in many of the surrounding communities.

They are asking for donations and have been approaching flood victims under the pretense of finding temporary homes for their animals. In some cases, they act as cruelty investigators wanting to confiscate animals from the owners.

Flood victims are being aided by many of the humane organizations by finding foster care for their pets. But the pet's owner should always be aware of where their animal is placed.

Under no circumstances should anyone give up their pets without first being shown identification and then receiving a written form on where the animal will be placed.

As a precaution, verify the location of where the animal is to be placed before giving it up. If you are approached by someone posing as an animal investigator, a state licensed officer will always have a badge or identification available.

The APA's humane cruelty officer investigates reports of animal abuse or neglect, but he does not have the authority to confiscate animals. He only has the authority to issue citations.

The APA in St. Louis has verified that they have no one going door-to-door seeking donations or collecting animals. They are as anxious to see this couple prosecuted as is the Granite City APA.

The APA wants to urge everyone to ask for identification if they are approached by someone representing themselves to be from the APA.

All APA members carry photo identification cards. We do not seek donations door-to-door and our cruelty calls are handled only by a licensed cruelty investigator.

If you are approached by someone under these pretenses, please contact the APA immediately at (618) 631-7050 and call your local police.

It would be helpful if we can get a description of the individual, a vehicle make and model or, preferably, a license plate number.

ANITA WORTHAM  
Secretary-treasurer,  
Association for the Protection of Animals

Example of how taxes are wasted

TO THE EDITOR:

I have found that when a child graduates from school, the child will get all kinds of junk mail, some of which can be from some unusual sources.

Other parents, whose children have graduated know what I am talking about: the credit card companies, and the "come and spend your money here" junk.

My daughter, who graduated from high school this spring, got some junk mail. The sender was our representative from the Illi-

nois 20th District, Richard Durbin.

Checking with his Edwardsville office confirmed that all high school graduates receive a similar letter.

This letter was sent on what appears to be government-subsidized stationery, using congressional franking privileges. In other words, you paid for this "congratulatory" letter.

It is inappropriate for our elected officials, who claim to be trying to cut expenses, to throw money around by sending hollow congratulations via junk mail.

Just as the source of the flood of 1993 was not one huge rain drop but a multitude of small drops, so our nation's debt is not only a few big expenditures but a multitude of stupid little ones.

This mailing may have only cost you \$1,000 or so, but it should not have cost you anything.

I think I can understand why one of the proposals for national debt reduction will result in a \$28 increase in new taxes for every dollar out from the budget; because our representatives either don't want to or can't control their own spending.

I oppose this type of letter campaigning at public expense. If our representative really feels compelled to send mail to his constituents, the mail should be informative or asking for feedback on current affairs.

Rather than sending individual letters, a better proposal would be to publish in the local newspapers Mr. Durbin's complete voting record on a scheduled, periodic basis. The published information would include a summary of the bill and any reasons for casting the vote the way it was.

The newspaper and Mr. Durbin challenge to do just that.

CHARLES F. ECKERT  
Collinsville

Sandbags in use for 70 centuries

TO THE EDITOR:

Since sandbagging is so important to restrain flood waters, I would like to share the following. About 100 million sandbags have been ordered to fight the Midwest flood, according to the Textile Bag and Packaging Association. Most sandbags are a scratchy, sand-colored piece of woven plastic 14 by 26 inches and can hold 40 pounds.

Sandbagging dates back to at least 5,000 B.C. when the Egyptians practiced flood control on the flood-prone Nile. Bags of straw and mud were used to build levees and dykes.

The sandbag is also used to shelter troops from enemy fire and was used in the 1600s to fortify defenses and anchor artillery pieces.

The bags cost about 40 cents each and can be filled with sand, clay or dirt to conform with the area in making a barrier.

Today, they are mass-produced from Mexico to Thailand. Most are made of a nonbiodegradable plastic (burlap, once preferred, deteriorates in storage and smelt bad when wet).

Inventor Cordell Lundahl says he would eliminate much of the backbreaking labor by affixing a funnel to the back of a sand truck. The funnel would pour sand into a bagging machine that would seal them and send them off to a conveyor belt that would run them up to the levee.

Clyde Scott, from the Army Corps of Engineers office in Mississippi, suggests the simple "quick fill" made of plywood and 2-by-4 framing placed a foot high where the sand could travel through the trough into each bag.

He says tying the bags creates a pocket near the knot where the water can flow in, eroding the wall just fold over the open end and rest another bag on the flattened end, making a tight fit.

He suggests, Stack the bags like bricks, parallel to the river with staggered joints.

Once the flood waters recede, the worst problem will be disposing of the sandbags. Polypropylene bags don't decompose like burlap. In Utah, the road graders drove over them and split them open. Empty sacks were collected and trucked to a landfill.

Some residents have permanent flood artifacts because they filled their bags with sand and cement, which hardened when in contact with the water. They had to landscape over them.

One person who lives in the KMOX listening area works for a quarry which offered mountains of lime free but couldn't find a taker. Perhaps the lime hardens like cement and, therefore, no takers.

JOYCE ROSE  
Columbia

Essential to put your trust in God

TO THE EDITOR:

I used to be a Yankee fan. I'm not exactly sure how it happened.

Growing up in New England, the rest of the family rooted for the Red Sox. But I always found myself pulling for the "Bronx Bombers."

Never a great sports enthusiast, I, early on, knew the names Ruth, Gehrig, DiMaggio and Mantle.

By the early 1970s I began to follow the games in earnest. Then a man named Steinbrenner drastically changed "my" team.

The players I was familiar with disappeared. Oh, the logo remained the same, but the "substance" of "my" team was gone and with it my allegiance.

That personal episode came to mind when I, not long ago, read of the Presbyterian Church's decision to begin a three-year study on homosexuality.

In recent years, certain other denominations have embraced the homosexual lifestyle as permissible in their "Christian the-

ology." Apparently, Presbyterians are considering a similar move. The issue here is "substance," or "who do you believe?"

After a little research, I discovered the Presbyterian Church has its roots in the teachings of John Calvin, a contemporary of Martin Luther.

Both these gentlemen based their theology squarely on the Scripture. In other words, if you asked them, "What about homosexuals in the church?" they'd probably reply, "Let's see what the Bible says about it."

So it comes back to the old debate — is the Bible true or not? Clearly, the Bible says homosexuals "will not inherit the kingdom of God."

The Old Testament uses the word "abomination," which carried with it the death penalty. Yes, the Bible clearly states that homosexuality is a sinful lifestyle, but before you jump to conclusions, the Bible also clearly says that "all have sinned."

In other words, from Grandma Goody to the victim of a vicious murderer, all people fall short of God's standard. That is why we need a Savior...Jesus.

The Bible clearly states that the blood of Christ washes away "all" sins. Indeed, since I put my trust in Jesus years ago, I've heard many testimonies from former homosexuals whom God delivered.

I've also heard testimony from some healed from the HIV virus. Is anything too hard for God? It all comes down to this: If you're going to be a Christian, then be one. Trust in Jesus, believe the Bible, pray, worship, give Him your all.

God is not a do-it-yourself deity. Christianity is not a multiple choice. This relationship with God must come before your political party, your union, your denomination, your country, your family, even your life. And I've never known such joy.

So, what if, after three years, the Presbyterian Church says homosexuality is OK? What then?

Well, probably, many who believe in the Bible will leave. Whole churches may depart.

Yes, the definition of the word "Christian" will be muddled even more.

Yet, rest assured that, when we all stand before Him, face to face, He will know those that are His. Yes, He will know.

ROBERT P. EDWARDS  
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## Seven area homeowners receive Home Pride Awards



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"I feel this property deserves to be a Home Pride Award winner because it proves that no matter what part of town you live in, you can and should take pride in your home and community. These people live in a part of Granite City that has received a lot of bad publicity and seems to have a cloud over it, but they still continue to work and improve the appearance of their property."

So wrote Sandra Rogers in nominating Albert and Louise Payne for a Home Pride Award. The Paynes, whose home is at 2202 Missouri Ave., were one of seven honored this month in the program sponsored by the Granite City Press-Record/Journal and the Tri-Cities Area Chamber of Commerce Community Pride Committee.

The other winners were: Mylene Kriz, 2558 Buenger, Granite City; Clyde and Lucille Walker, 2259 State, Granite City; Thomas and Irene SanSouci, 2559 Pontoon Road, Granite City; Mary Pierson, 1025 Washington, Madison; Watson and Ester Mercer, 3317 Wabash, Granite City; and Ed and Laura Drennan, 127 Briarcliff, Granite City.

In nominating Pierson, Ruth Kueshok wrote: "Mary Pierson literally lives in her yard from April to October. She has combined her love of flowers and a unique artistic touch. The result is a

distinctly interesting yard." In nominating Clyde Walker, a neighbor noted that Walker's age has not prevented him from remaining active in keeping his property in excellent shape. "Even though he is 93 years old, Mr. Walker maintains a garden, mows his lawn and trims and paints his steps and trim and helps his neighbors with home care projects. He is the best example of home pride and deserves the award."

Josephine Beatty nominated Tom and Irene SanSouci, saying: "They love flowers and their home is a showcase for their hobby of growing them. From the towering oak trees in the beautifully landscaped front yard to the perennial gardens in the back and side yards, this love is most evident. The care that they lavish on their home and the pleasure their neighbors and passersby can share in their flower gardens merit them a Home Pride Award."

About Ed and Laura Drennan, Lorraine McIlvoy wrote: "Before the Drennans purchased the property, it was not kept up too well. Mrs. Drennan was so happy to be a homeowner that she immediately started improving the premises. She put a lot of time and money into planting, cutting, replanting, etc., or whatever it took to improve the prop-

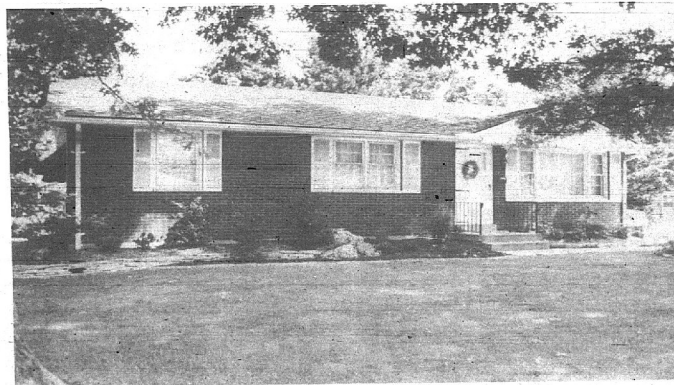
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## Going mobile

Timing is everything for meals program

10 a.m. A white van backs onto Niedringhaus Avenue outside the loading dock of St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City.

Eric Marcus, the Mobile Meals driver, slips a cassette recorded by "Holy Soldiers," a Christian heavy metal band, into his portable boombox. The van scurries down the street, leaving a trail of throbbing beats.

"Most people are waiting for their meals," Marcus said as he carefully maneuvered around the potholes on the fast-disappearing streets.

"This is a timed job. I deliver them at the same time every day, give or take a few minutes," he said.

Sure enough. As he reached the first house, the door was already opened, waiting for him. Marcus runs in with a tray and dashes out in 12 seconds with another tray in hand. He puts that tray in the back of the van, then drives off.

"My main job is to deliver the meals, and carry out diets according to the doctor's prescription," he said. "I go into the houses real quick to deliver the meals, because you don't have the time. I ask how they are doing and make sure they are alright."

Jim Mason is an 83-year-old recipient of SEMC's Mobile Meals.

"Eric seems to be a very nice young man," Mason said. "He says 'Good morning.' He comes into the house. He's in

and out fast."

Mason has been receiving Mobile Meals since August, when his wife, Anna Wilma, was hospitalized. On Nov. 1, she died. "I can't complain of the good service St. Elizabeth has given me," he said.

Lorene Morris is also a recipient of Mobile Meals.

"Eric's delightful, very cheerful, and very enthusiastic," Morris said. "He usually comes in singing. He's a happy person and very refreshing."

The day's menu includes potato salad, barbecue pork sandwich and tapioca pudding. SEMC's Mobile Meals caters to six kinds of dietary needs — regular, restricted calorie, restricted sodium, restricted fat, restricted diet and restricted sodium and calorie.

Earlier in the morning, Marcus had calculated there were 71 meals to be delivered for the afternoon.

"That's low, he said. 'Usually it is 80 something.'"

Before he goes on his rounds, Marcus also has to stack the packed meals prepared by the

trayline. He prepares the meal requests according to the dietary needs of the recipients.

At traffic stops, he saves time by placing milk or juice on the next tray to be delivered. He even knows when the light will turn green.

"Most times you get to know the route," he said. "I'm in a hurry, but that doesn't mean I'm reckless. When driving,

everyone's chances are the same. When you have God on your side, you don't have anything to fear. I believe when I'm out on the route, He's always watching over me."

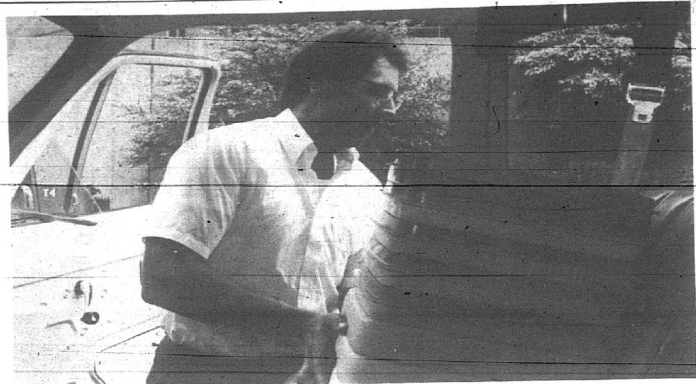
Watching him on the job, no one would realize he only started as Dietary Mobile Meals coordinator in March.

Food Service Diet assistants Edna Hayes and Vanessa Mercer share an office with Marcus.

"He's got a lot of energy," Mercer said. "I think he got into the job really well. He's very organized."

Hayes said when Marcus first began as Mobile Meals driver, he was concerned about making sure he was getting meals delivered to the right person.

Director of Food Service Nancy Seper said, "He's a real super worker. Eric's a dependable person and very disciplined. He even volunteers to come in on his off days."



Eric Marcus, SEMC Mobile Meals driver, loads meals into a van for his daily delivery.

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## State inspectors to plug county gap

State public health officials are stepping in where Madison County Board members fear to tread.

Inspectors will be dispatched to Alton and other flooded areas of Madison County when swollen rivers and creeks begin to recede to make sure restaurants and other establishments are properly cleaned before reopening. Public Health Department spokeswoman Karen Grueter said Thursday.

"We will be intervening in these counties that do not have their own health departments. We are not going to leave Madison County behind," Grueter said.

Those duties would normally be handled by a county health department.

County Board members have been debating the virtues of a health department for the last few years but the general sentiment has been against the proposal. Finances and control of the health board have been among board members' concerns.

But pressure on board members has been mounting recently, in part because of recent incidents of hepatitis and meningitis in Alton.

Restaurants in Madison County are not inspected, which means there is no way to enforce state food-handling and storage regulations.

Members of one civic group expressed concern this week that there is no way to ensure restaurants and taverns are adequately cleaned after the water goes down to prevent the spread of infectious diseases.

"While county flood conditions are currently confined to Alton, we have no potential public

health response should there be more extensive involvement or should any of our levees break," League of Women Voters member Marcia Custer said in a letter to County Board members.

Custer chairs the Health Department Committee of the league's Edwardsville chapter, which has been a leading proponent of a Madison County health department.

However, County Board member Al Charleston of Alton said it is up to county Emergency Management Agency Director Lanny Darr to make sure the flood cleanup is thorough enough to ward off health threats. Charleston is a member of the County Board's Health Institutions Committee.

"I don't think we'll have a problem with it but even if we did, Lanny Darr would have to handle anything that's flood-related," Charleston said.

Grueter, however, disagreed with Charleston, saying the state takes up the slack left by the county, even though state officials have been prodding Madison County officials for some time to form their own public health agency.

"We are always encouraging Madison County to establish a health department. It is something that would be very beneficial to the community, especially in a situation like this," Grueter said.

State inspectors will team up with officials from neighboring county health departments to make sure Madison County restaurants, water wells, food-processing plants and dairy farms are properly sanitized before being allowed to resume operations, she said.

— From the Alton Telegraph

## Bridge closing clogs traffic in Alton area

ALTON — Commuters who usually travel the Clark Bridge in the morning to get to work in St. Louis should plan on leaving 30 to 45 minutes early.

They also should plan on eating a later dinner.

Motorists detoured by the closed bridge reported Monday that traffic on Illinois Routes 3 and 111 north of Interstate 270 was clogged during morning and afternoon rush hours.

"You're taking all the traffic usually on the Clark Bridge and funneling it onto 270, which has a good amount to begin with," said Joe Crowe of the Illinois Department of Transportation.

Southbound traffic Monday morning on Route 3 was backed up about three miles north of I-270. Traffic merges into one lane about a mile from the interstate because of floodwater on the road.

"I really didn't have a problem until I got to the single lane," said Jana Series of Alton. She left home at 6 a.m. — about a half-hour earlier than usual — to get to her job at Christian Northeast Hospital in north St. Louis County. "From there, it took me about 10 minutes just to get to 270, but other than that it wasn't too bad."

Series said she got to work on time, but Godfrey resident Lisa Amnrobous, who also works at the hospital, had no such luck. She said she left for work about 6:15 a.m. It took her about an

hour to arrive — twice as long as usual — and she was 10 minutes late.

"Route 3 from New Poag Road to 270 was bumper to bumper, and 270 was pretty backed up," she said.

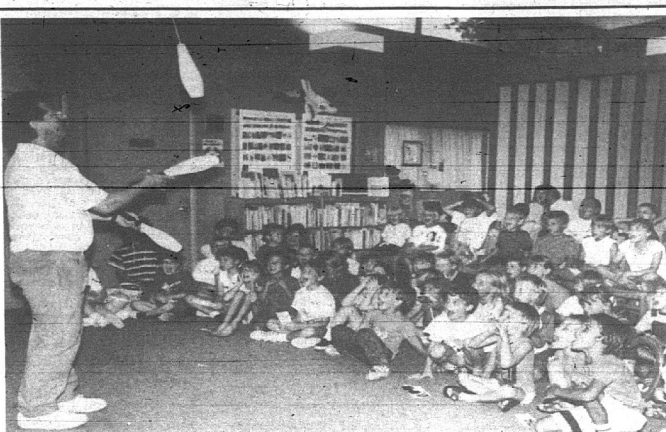
Altonian Tim Bonnell, who repairs computers for Computer Vision Inc. in west St. Louis County, said he slept in to avoid the traffic. He said he normally has to be at work by 8 a.m. but didn't leave home Monday until 8:30 a.m.

"I left a little later than normal figuring the roads would be crowded," Bonnell said. "I buzzed right in; didn't hit one backup."

Commuters can expect the same delays on the ride home. Also, traffic on Route 143 into Alton has been jamming for up to three miles from Front Street because of the closed floodgates in East Alton and levee repairs along the Bern Highway.

Illinois State Police reported no major accidents Monday morning on I-270 or Routes 3 and 111 despite the increased volume.

— From the Alton Telegraph



**Magic show** — Trebor the Magician entertained a large audience of children at the Branch Library as part of the summer reading program offered at the Granite City Library. In top photo, Trebor juggles for the children. In bottom left photo, five-year-old Brittney



Cook waves a magic dollar bill over Trebor's hand. Below right, nine-year-old Andy Miller watches as Trebor inserts a sharp needle into a balloon.



## Alhambra school reunion Aug. 15

Seibert School in Alhambra will have its third annual reunion at 12:15 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 15, at the American Legion Park in Alhambra. Please bring a dinner basket.

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If this obligation is not fulfilled, your child will be excluded from school. This is in compliance with state law.

A student entering a Madison School from another school district has 30 days from the date of enrollment to see that the required health records are transferred from the previous school. If the previous school did not require that physical exam and complete immunization record be on file for kindergarten, or first, fifth, and ninth grade students, then that student MUST have a new physical exam and immunization record presented to school within 30 days of enrollment, regardless of grade. These requirements must be met within 30 days of enrollment or the student will be excluded from school.

**DANIEL S. KOSTENCKI**  
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**REPORT OF CONDITION**  
Consolidating financial statements of the  
The First National Bank in Granite City, Illinois  
as of the date of 12/31/92, at the close of business on June 30, 1993,  
published in response to call made by Controller of the Currency, United States Department of the Treasury, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Washington, D.C.

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

ASSETS	Thousands of dollars
Cash and balances due from depository institutions	1,471
Debt securities—bearing interest and maturing and due	15,213
Debt securities—nonbearing interest	1,113
Securities held under agreements to resell	0
Loans and leases (including off-balance sheet)	21,487
Other assets (including cash, investments, and other)	811
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>38,782</b>
Liabilities and capital	
Deposits (including deposits in transit)	35,712
Other liabilities (including off-balance sheet)	913
Other real estate owned	0
Other liabilities (including off-balance sheet)	0
Capital (including capital in excess of paid-up capital)	2,157
<b>Total Liabilities and Capital</b>	<b>38,782</b>
Other assets (including cash, investments, and other)	0
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Liabilities and Capital

LIABILITIES	Thousands of dollars
Deposits:	
• In domestic offices	35,712
• In foreign offices	0
• Federal funds purchased	0
• Securities sold under agreements to repurchase	0
• Other borrowings	0
• Other liabilities (including off-balance sheet)	0
• Mortgage loans and other obligations under capitalization	0
• Other liabilities (including off-balance sheet)	0
• Subordinated notes and debentures	0
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## Obituaries

### Alonzo Van Hoose

Alonzo "Bets" Van Hoose, 71, of Fairview Heights died Sunday, Aug. 1, 1993, at his residence. He was born Dec. 11, 1921, in Winkler, Mo., and had been a resident of Granite City since 1941.

He worked at Swift and Co. for 27 years and was a retired driver's license examiner for the Illinois secretary of state.

A Democratic precinct committeeman from 1964 until his death, he was a member of Prospect Park United Methodist Church in Fairview Heights, East Masonic Lodge 50 and the Scottish Rite. He had served as Canteen Township assessor and was a World War II Army veteran.

Survivors include his wife, Leah D. (Kneeder) Van Hoose; two daughters, Leah Nwaz and Vanna Burger, both of Fairview Heights; four brothers, Tom Van Hoose of Clearwater, Fla., the Rev. Alfred Van Hoose of Evansville, Ind., George "Bake" Van Hoose of Collinsville and William Van Hoose of Granite City; two sisters, Margaret Elliott of Belleville and Ruth Weinkauf of Fairview Heights; and three grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held by his parents, William and Jane Grace (Bosanko) Van Hoose; and two brothers, Neal and Henry Van Hoose.

Services were held Wednesday at Kurus Funeral Home, Belleville, with the Rev. Rick Van Hoose officiating. Burial was at Lake View Memorial Gardens, Belleville.

Memorials are requested for Prospect Park United Methodist Church or the American Cancer Society.

### David Jacks

David Jacks, 29, of Granite City died at 11:22 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 1, 1993, in the emergency room at St. Elizabeth Medical Center, Granite City. A coroner's inquiry is pending.

He was born Sept. 19, 1963, in East St. Louis and had been a lifelong resident of the Metro East area.

A warehouse worker for Prairie Farms Dairy, Granite City, he was a member of Teamsters Local 825 and New Salem Baptist Church, Venice.

Survivors include his wife, Bonnie Jacks; one son, Andre David Allen Jacks; one daughter, Adell Monique Andrea Jacks; one brother, Eric T. Jacks of Madison, Mo.; two sisters, Ruth Marie Jacks of Old Hickory, Tenn., and Nicole Elise Jacks of Carrollton, Texas; and his parents, Charles and Helen N. Jacks.

Services were held Wednesday at New Salem Baptist Church with the Rev. John Henry Williams officiating. Burial was at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery, St. Louis County, Officer Funeral Home, East St. Louis, was in charge of arrangements.

### Mildred Lewis

Mildred Beatrice (Ward) Lewis, 90, of Potomac, Mo., died at 8:05 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 4, 1993, at Georgian Gardens Nursing Home, 525 and New Salem March 29, 1903, in Olympia, Wash.

She was a homemaker.

Survivors include two sons, Kenneth Lewis of Granite City and Donald Lewis of Yakima, Wash.; three daughters, Dorothy Shaver of Kennewick, Wash., 14 grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held by her husband, Charles Lewis, who died in 1967, and her parents, Warren and Emma Ward.

Arrangements are pending at Werner Chapel for Funerals, 3839 Lake Drive, Pontoon Beach, 797-1009.

### Dorothy Hursey

Dorothy M. (Sieburh) Hursey, 80, of Red Bud formerly of East St. Louis, died Monday, Aug. 2, 1993, at St. Clement Hospital, Red Bud. She was born May 10, 1913, in East St. Louis.

She was formerly employed by Famous-Barr Co. and was a member of St. Matthew United Methodist Church, Belleville.

An associate member of North Fort Myers Methodist Church, North Fort Myers, Fla., she was a former member of First Methodist Church in East St. Louis and of the Harding School PTA in East St. Louis and had been active in the Women's City Club of Red Bud, the St. Clement Hospital Auxiliary in Red Bud, the Red Bud Senior Citizens and the American Association of Retired Persons Red Bud Chapter.

Survivors include seven nephews, among them Wesley Hursey who was preceded in death by her husband, Floyd S. Hursey; one son, Robert F. Hursey; her parents, Henry and Lena (Krummel) Sieburh; one brother, Richard H. Sieburh; and one sister, Margaret Sieburh Spencer.

Services were held at 11 a.m. today at Kurus Funeral Home, 657 North 57th St., Belleville, with the Rev. Robert Souders officiating. Burial was at St. Clair Memorial Park, Fairview Heights.

Memorials are requested for St. Matthew United Methodist Church, St. Clement Hospital Auxiliary or St. Clement Hospital Skilled Care Nursing Unit in Red Bud.

### Mary Canham

Mary Pauline (Allard) Canham, 89, of Granite City, died Wednesday, Aug. 4, 1993, at Colonial Care Center, Granite City. She was born Nov. 16, 1903, in Vengennes, Ill.

Mrs. Canham was a teacher for 30 years. She was a member of the Namekiki United Methodist Church in Granite City, the Fidelity Club, the Auxiliary of World War II Veterans and was a 50-year member of the Order of Eastern Star, Lilla Chapter 337.

She attended Southern Illinois University at Carbondale and Bradley University in Peoria.

She was survived by a daughter, Peggy Tucker of Edwardsville; and a grandson.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Henry Nelson Canham, whom she married May 10, 1924, in Nashville, Ill., and who died Oct. 9, 1979, her parents, Roy and Gertrude (England) Allard; and one sister, Helen Creath.

Funeral services will be held by St. Matthew United Methodist Church, Granite City.

Memorials are requested for the Namekiki United Methodist Church.

### David Reid

David Jeffrey Reid, 31, of Oakbrook Terrace, Ill., died Friday, July 30, 1993, in Chicago, as a result of injuries sustained in a car accident. He was born in Highland.

An airline mechanic for American Airlines for three years, he was an Air Force veteran.

Survivors include one brother, Jimmy Reid of Oakbrook Terrace; two sisters, Jennifer Reid and Julie La Rouchie; his parents, Jonas and Ruth (Niepert) Reid; and his maternal grandmother, Helen Niepert of Granite City.

Services were held Monday at Christ Church of Oakbrook Terrace. Burial was in Chicago.

### Trivia

In 1992, William and George Niedringhaus paid \$8.40 an acre for the 3,500 acres in the Kinder area and a year later they sold it to a farmer to be a game preserve. What was to become Granite City.

"Every week someone stops while the Paynes are out working in their yard to give a compliment. When you speak about the property, the local towns everyone knows just what house you are referring to," she said.

"I think it is very important that people know that you don't have to live in the most expensive or most desirable part of town to have pride in your property. No matter what part of town you live in, you are still a part of Granite City and your property does reflect on Granite City."

"I think we probably could have handled 51 feet," Greathouse said. "But I think God we didn't have to."

The Engineer Corps announced Monday that the river apparent flood stage at 49.43 feet between 9 and 10 o'clock Sunday morning, Aug. 1 almost 19% above the flood stage of 30 feet and the highest level in recorded history.

On Sunday, the river topped levees in Columbia and Harrisonville and flooded more than 60,000 acres in three Monroe County sub-districts.

By Monday afternoon, the river had dropped more than a foot to 49.3 feet a drop the Corps attributed entirely to the Monroe County flooding.

As the river level drops, the MESD will begin to remove the floodgates. Greathouse said it will not be done quickly.

"It's expensive to put them in and expensive to take them out, so we're going to be a little on the careful side," Greathouse said.

"Change is always difficult,

## Suit

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board promoted the highest ranking officer on the list who did not remove himself from consideration.

The sole exception — other than Apperson — was the result of a "mathematical error" in the final sergeant eligibility list of August 1983 that required the publication of a corrected list in June of 1988, records from the board show.

The commissioners adhered to the corrected list in subsequent promotions.

Apperson's name was listed fifth and Richardson's sixth on the May 4, 1983, promotion list for lieutenant. Denny Chenaault, Roy Koberna, Don Knight and David Joyce were ranked above Apperson, in that order.

## Fee

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of about \$6.

But, Nighohossian said, there are a number of items listed elsewhere in the appropriation, such as tree limb chipping and removal, that fall under the "other" category.

He said administrative costs of the program, such as a billing system, should also be included as well as funding to cover depreciation and replacement of equipment.

Robbins, street superintendent, is putting together a list of the items and cost of other things that could be included under the legal definitions.

"There are a lot of things that could be built into this. You all need to discuss this and determine how much money you need altogether so that you can set a fee," Nighohossian said.

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Steve Willard's name appeared seventh on the list.

Chenaault and Koberna were promoted on May 15, 1983. Knight was promoted on June 1, 1988.

But when Joyce said he did not wish to be promoted, Ruebhausen was promoted over Apperson on May 15, 1989.

Joyce then accepted a promotion on Nov. 16, 1989.

Willard was promoted in September of 1990.

The Board of Fire and Police Commissioners has conducted business in a certain manner year after year after year for more than 20 years. No one has come in to suggest the board should not be doing business in the manner in which it is. The only thing Sgt. Apperson is insisting on is that the board continue to do business as it

always has by following its policies and practices," Hutnick's motion states.

In a related matter, Bond County Circuit Judge John DeLaurenti recently overturned a police board decision upholding a reprimand of Apperson for his alleged participation in "fixing" a traffic ticket in 1989.

Apperson's initial request for a hearing in 1989 was denied by the board, but a circuit judge ruled in October of 1990 that Apperson was entitled to a hearing under the Granite City police departmental policy.

The Board of Fire and Police Commissioners upheld the reprimand after a hearing earlier this year, but DeLaurenti reversed the decision and ordered the reprimand stricken from Apperson's record.

He said the draft ordinance makes both the property owner and the tenant liable for paying the collection fee. Asked who would be sued if a collector is not paid, Nighohossian said, "Both."

"We would take them both to court and let them argue with each other about who owes the bill," he said.

Alderman Ron Grzywacz said the initial estimates for putting together a computer billing system have been lower than expected.

He said he hopes the special committee looking into methods of billing and collecting will be able to have an accurate cost estimate by Wednesday's committee meeting.

## MetroLink draws big crowd

By Peggy O'Farrell

Staff writer

MetroLink, the area's new light rail system, officially began operation Saturday, with free rides offered until Monday.

Linda Hancock, a Bi-State Development Agency spokeswoman, said 68,000 people on both sides of the river took advantage of the free rides that day.

Another 50,000 passengers recorded Sunday.

Passenger counts for the East St. Louis station were available.

Sixteen stations are now operational on the MetroLink line, with the Fifth and Missouri station the only light rail site in the Metro East.

East St. Louis station is expected to come on line in October to take visitors to the riverfront and the Casino Queen.

On Saturday, citizens of East St. Louis and surrounding areas gathered at the 5th and Missouri station as the train slowly made its way into the station for the very first time.

On hand were plenty of onlookers, excited passengers and students of the Kathryn Dunham Dance Center, who danced to rhythmic African music.

After hours, MetroLink cars were filled to capacity, carrying passengers free of charge from North Hanley Road in Missouri back to 5th and Missouri in East St. Louis.

John Ellis, an East St. Louis resident for 50 years, said it was the liveliest he had seen the city in years.

To Ellis, the opening of MetroLink and the Casino Queen this summer makes the city feel alive again.

Edward Jacob, a student at Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, described the MetroLink ride as quiet and cool. He also believes the train will appeal to tourists.

"The city now has a real flavor of all the other cities in the country," Jacob said.

Despite many positive reviews on MetroLink's first day, the light rail system was not without its detractors.

Carvel Howard, a student at Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, said MetroLink is a complete waste of taxpayers' money. He said the system is inferior to Chicago's el train and New York's subway.

Some displaced workers could just lie for unemployment but I believe some want to be out there helping. The way they can do that and still have some income to take care of their families," Chalmers added.

Agencies who need help with flood relief operations should contact Chalmers at 277-6790.

Video for flood victims on television

The Illinois State Bar Association, in partnership with Cable Television Co., has produced an educational video for flood victims.

The 30-minute program will be telecast daily at 5:30 p.m. Aug. 6-16 on cable television Channel 3 in areas served by Crown Cable.

The program features a panel of attorneys answering commonly asked, flood-related legal questions, such as unemployment benefits, housing, landlord-tenant disputes and property damage assistance available to those victimized by the flood.

The program also provides telephone numbers available to those who need further information, and information for those who may fall victim to flood-related crimes such as home repair fraud.

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## VFW, Auxiliary install officers

Madison VFW Post and Auxiliary 7451 held their annual installation.

The new post officers installed were Commander Carl Stratton, Senior Vice Commander Lester White, Junior Vice Commander Rick Serrano, Quartermaster David Hays, Chaplain Vasil Graville, Service Officer Louis Martin, Trustees John Hann, Lonnie Sherfy and William Barks, Adjutant Andy Anderson and Advocate Bob McKinney.

Auxiliary officers installed were President Eleanor Armour, Senior Vice Pres. Mabel Cochran, Junior Vice Pres. Debbie Snell, Secretary Christine Green, Treasurer Cindy Stratton, Chaplain Fatsy Hartman, Conductress Violet Taylor, Guard Jeanie Scholeman and three-year Trustee Nancy Scrump.

A buffet dinner was served and then the men and women were sworn in together. Many awards were presented.

The past president and past commander, Sherrie Hays and Jim Taylor, accepted awards and from Wal-Mart for donations to the Children's Network, also from the Madison Middle School for donations to co-ed cheerleaders.

Middle School cheerleaders performed an old-fashioned jitterbug dance and gave James Armour and Lester White a certificate for helping them learn the dance.

The rest of the evening was spent dancing to the music of Mike's Hi Fi. About 70 people attended.



Mr. and Mrs. Michael Voss

## Voss - Meyenburg

Tracey Renee Meyenburg, daughter of Raymond and Lois Meyenburg of Granite City, and Michael David Voss, son of Larry and Phyllis Voss of Granite City, were married April 24, 1993, at Nameoki United Methodist Church, Granite City, by the Rev. James Hahn.

The matron of honor was Nancy Parker of Fairfield, Calif. The bridesmaids were Lori Wilson, sister of the groom, and Lisa Jones, Michelle Harris and Shari Crumley.

The best man was Greg McIlroy of Glen Carbon, cousin of

the groom. The groomsmen were Adam Meyenburg, brother of the bride, and John Davis, Matt Roe and Frank H. Parker Jr. The ushers were Mark Wilson, brother-in-law of the groom, David Jones, cousin of the bride, and Dan Haberhohl.

Both bride and groom are 1986 graduates of Granite City High School and 1992 graduates of Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville.

A reception was held at St. Gregory's Hall, Granite City. After honeymooning in Jamaica, the couple will live in Granite City.

## Brownies tour History Museum

Brownie Troop 945 toured the History Museum in St. Louis as part of the requirements for a badge. "The world of today and tomorrow."

They had met all the requirements except the tour at a previous meeting. Meetings and tours will be held all summer so that the girls can meet requirements for three badges.

While at the museum, the girls watched a video about Charles Lindbergh and the way that the wind helped his solo airplane flight across the Atlantic Ocean. Following the tour, the girls enjoyed a picnic lunch.

The next tour will be a trip to the Planetarium.

Attending were Jennifer Mouser, Whitney Cornett, Amberly Rula, Amanda Wylly, Amanda Gross and Kristina Way. Adults present were Dottie and Gary Mouser, Pat Foote and Angela Gross.

Each girl wore a neckerchief and tie slide made by Mrs. Foote and Mary Yerra.

## Mitchell on dean's list

Ann Marie Mitchell of Granite City was named to the dean's list at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville with a grade point average of 3.75 on a 4.0 scale.

Mitchell, a 1990 graduate of Granite City High School, is a senior majoring in speech pathology.

## Aux. Juniors meet

Venice-Madison Unit 307, American Legion Auxiliary Juniors, held a social meeting July 12 at the Post 307 Home in Venice. Pizza was served to 18.

Following lunch, carnival-type games were enjoyed, including ring toss, tie tac toe, beanbag toss and ham games.

Prize winners were: first place, Kessie Hillmer, second place, Cathy Moreland and adults, Dorothy Hinson, Cindy Yobbo, Rose Moreland, Connie Ballard and Norma Hillmer.

The next meeting will be Aug. 9 at 7 p.m. at the Fairmont City American Legion Home for a kickball game and Wiener roast for 22nd District Juniors.

## Marks 50 years of religious service

Sister Maureen Crimmins of the Third Order of St. Francis, Hospital Sisters, Springfield, Ill., celebrated 50 years of religious profession June 12, 1993, at the Motherhood in Springfield.

A native of Madison, she attended St. Mark's School in Venice, Madison High School and Brown's Business College, St. Louis.

She is a registered nurse and is currently retired.

She is the daughter of the late John and Anna Crimmins.

Sister Maureen has five sisters: Bernice Crimmins of Madison, Margaret Krusec of Granite City and the late Sister Lorraine Crimmins, Alice McNear and Agnes Crimmins; and two brothers, Robert Crimmins of Utah and the late John "Jack" Crimmins.



Cynthia Logan and Jeffrey Evans

## Logan-Evans

Cynthia Jo Logan, daughter of Claude and Kathryn Logan of Cottage Hills, and Jeffrey Scott Evans, son of Inge Vincent of Granite City and the late Howard M. Vincent Jr., have announced their engagement.

Logan, of Granite City, is a graduate of Bethalto High School and attended Sanford-Brown Business College. She is employed at Northwesters Bottle Co.-Clinton Division, St. Louis, as a sales and marketing associate.

Evans attended Granite City High School and graduated from National Training Center, St. Louis, with a certificate in heating, ventilation and air conditioning. He is employed by American Steel Foundries, Granite City, as a core maker and finisher.

The couple is planning a Sept. 18, 1993, wedding at Holy Family Catholic Church, Granite City.



Tiffany Pryor and Marc Dahncke

## Pryor-Dahncke

Tiffany Denise Pryor, daughter of James and Peggy Pryor of Granite City, and Marc Jonathan Dahncke, son of Maurice and Marietta Dahncke of Nashville, have announced their engagement.

Pryor, of Granite City, is a 1987 graduate of Granite City High School. She is employed at Crown Cable, Maryville, as a customer service representative.

Dahncke is a 1985 graduate of Nashville Community High School and a 1990 graduate of Drake University College of Pharmacy, Des Moines, Iowa. He is employed at Wal-Mart, Wood River, as a pharmacist.

The couple is planning a Sept. 18, 1993, wedding at Holy Family Catholic Church, Granite City.

## Local girl crowned talent queen

Shannon Nicole Stapleton of Granite City was crowned U.S.A.'s Little Miss Illinois Supreme Talent Queen at the state pageant held June 18-20 in Quincy.

For her talent, Shannon played a piano piece by David Carr Glover titled "The Great Smoky Mountains." Shannon is instructed on the piano by Dan Vizer. She also performed a ballet routine to Mother Ginger & The Clowns from the Nutcracker, choreographed by Tomi Pollock of the Dance Studio.

Shannon competed in the 8-9 age division of the pageant and also received the following age division awards: photogenic queen, portfolio queen, most beautiful, best sportswear, best fashion, and best model.

Shannon received top awards for overall pro-am model and overall spokesmodel from all age divisions. Shannon was first alternate to high point queen. Shannon receives modeling lessons from Rhonda Vest-Nolan, owner and operator of Glitter Girls.

Shannon will be representing Illinois at the U.S.A.'s Little Miss and High Point National pageant to be held in Wichita, Kan., in August.

Shannon will be in the fifth grade this fall at Wilson Elementary and is active in gymnastics, modeling, ballet, and piano. Shannon is the daughter of Marv and Lisa Stapleton of Granite City. She is the granddaughter of Rev. and Mrs. Bob Jones of Granite City and Mr. and Mrs. George Stapleton of Marion.



Shannon Stapleton

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## THE LAW AND YOU

By RICK REED  
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Sometimes a man and woman will obtain a divorce, and the question arises as to whether or not a stepparent can obtain custody of the children. Under Illinois law, a natural parent has superior right to the custody of his child. However, that right is not absolute and must yield to the best interests of the child.

In one recent case, a Baptist minister married a woman who had a 13-year-old son. After the husband and wife separated, the trial court found that the boy was an abused minor. The court found that the 13-year-old was inappropriately disciplined by his mother. The boy was placed with the Department of Children and Family Services.

The trial court later found that the mother was unable to care for, protect, train, and discipline the boy. The court felt it was in the best interests of the child to be placed in the custody of his stepfather. It should be noted that the whereabouts of his natural father was unknown. The mother appealed the decision, arguing that it was not in the best interest of a 13-year-old boy to be placed in the custody of a man who was unrelated but that he should instead remain with his natural mother.

The Appellate Courts of Illinois have ruled that the parents' right to the custody of their child shall not prevail when the Court determines that it is contrary to the best interests of the child. If the "best interests" standard can be attained only by placing the child in the custody of someone other than the natural parent, it is unnecessary for the Court to find the natural parent unfit to care for the child.

In the case noted above, the social worker observed that the 13-year-old boy considered his stepfather as his "father." The boy noted that the stepfather disciplined him, but did so in a fair manner. The boy and his stepfather had a great deal in common, especially a mutual interest in sports. By contrast, the 13-year-old boy said he was afraid of his mother because she was unpredictable and physically abusive. The boy's wishes, coupled with the abusive disposition of the mother, led the Appellate Court to affirm the decision of the trial court and grant custody of the 13-year-old boy to his stepfather.

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At left above, seventh graders Josh Kazar and Heather Perkins received Grigsby Junior High's Physical Fitness Award.

In bottom photo at left, eighth graders Paul Worthen and Crystal Timmons received Grigsby Junior High School's Physical Fitness Award.



## K of C presents scholarships

At its regular meeting June 8, Knights of Columbus Council 1098 presented four scholarship awards for \$500 each to James Hicks, Mark Patton, Amy Krakowicki, and Jennifer Romanic. Also, Grand Knight Roy Ponce passed out past grand knight medallions to Gene De Runtz, James Worthen, John Straubinger, John Kazman, Ed Lenz, and Dr. John Vasiloff.

Public relations chairman Rudy Hoffek presented Rev. P. LoBianco of St. Mark's Church in Venice with 11 altar server awards to be presented to his altar boys. Also honored were Martin Polette and Jerry Pieper, both of Holy Family Parish; and Ken Felty of St. Mary's in Madison.

## Wins scholarship

Christa A. Holder of Granite City has been awarded a scholastic achievement scholarship, the Hardee's Restaurant Division Scholarship, totaling \$450. This annual scholarship program was established by Hardee's to distinguish employees who are high school or college students, who have maintained high scholastic achievements and have exhibited leadership qualities.

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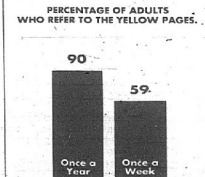
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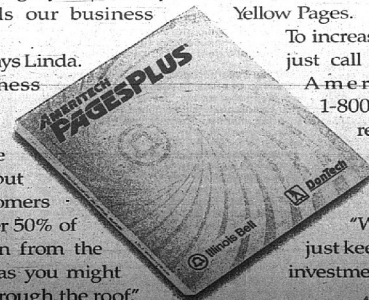


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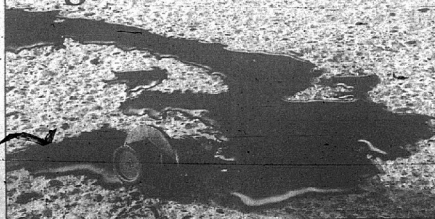


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**Trivia Answers**  
1. Don Drysdale. 2. Gibson was 3-5 before winning 15 games in a row.





## •Nemeth—

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develop as a person and an athlete. "Scott has developed excellent quickness and upper body strength, but the area he has grown the most is in mental toughness," McKechan said. "He has an uncanny knack for coming through in the clutch. He won a couple of ballgames for us by coming through at the end, including hitting a three-run home run against Wood River with two out in the seventh. His head is always in the right place."

AFTER THIS SUMMER in Legion ball, Nemeth will also have a chance at becoming a regular on the varsity level next spring.

Nemeth not only hit the ball with authority, he was also a defensive stalwart behind the plate. Nemeth has a strong arm, good speed and is recognized by his teammates as a leader.

"I would have liked to use Scotty as a pitcher more often than we did," McKechan said. "But he is just an exceptional catcher. He handles the pitchers well and threw out eight or nine guys during the season."

You could see the other teams watch him throw down to second base before games and reconsider whether they felt secure with their running game.

McKECHAN SAID he feels Nemeth has the potential to eventually rank among former Granite City stars Daren DePew and Joe Wallace because of his work ethic, but the catcher preers the thrill of the game to praise off the field. "In baseball, sometimes things go your way, and other days tough things happen," Nemeth said. "I would have really liked to beat O'Fallon (in the playoffs). But I think as a team we did a good job this season, and I feel I improved as an individual. "To me the bottom line isn't what you look like when you play, it's if you hit or catch the ball when you need to."

## •Courses—

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transportation. "We think we're safe — most of the course is on high ground — but there are some roads to our course that could get flooded," said Furkin.

Needless to say, those who make their living from the game, from the clubhouse attendant to the caddy and everyone else involved, there is simply no work to do. Other courses are stepping in to help.

"Very unexpectedly, we picked up a lot of business," said Jim Tilden of Creve Coeur Golf Club. "We've been in discussion with the Gateway Section PGA about adding some of those who can't work (at flooded courses) to our staff temporarily."

Expect some delays at those courses that are high, dry and in the clear. Course etiquette has never been more important than it is right now.



And the pitch — Daniel Pike prepares to take off from first base as first baseman Darren Lee and shortstop Gregory Ferry look on in a recent Mitchell Athletic Club baseball game.

## •Broeg

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shows throughout the fall. WINU currently broadcasts Cubs and White Sox baseball as well as Dallas Cowboys football and local sports, including high school and college teams.

Jack Chor, CEO/President of WINU Radio, welcomes Broeg to WINU.

"We are extremely proud and pleased to have someone of Bob Broeg's stature added to our lineup," Chor said. "He's a great addition."

## GCSSA to hold state tourney this weekend

The Granite City Steel Softball Association will be the host for the 1993 ASA men's AA state tournament Friday through Sunday. Food and drink will be available. For more information, call 678-1431.

## Junior high grid practice set for Aug. 25

Football practice at Coolidge and Grigsby Junior High Schools will begin Aug. 25. Students must have a current physical in order to participate on the first practice day.

## •Patton

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athlete at Granite City, and he plans to play baseball at Illinois Wesleyan University in Bloomington next spring.

Patton's father, Greg, is the GCHS athletic director. He was also surprised by the District 22 selection. Another candidate was Joe Muniz, this year's Scholar-Athlete from Collinsville High.

"IT WAS A really nice honor," Greg Patton said. "It's representative of a large group of kids. He's had a great senior year."

After his name was announced before the beginning of the All-Star game at Longacre Park, Patton played for the first 4 1/2 innings and went 1-for-2. His hit came against Jason Faust, the O'Fallon ace who was named the most valuable player for District 22.

Faust, a lefthander, gave up a single to the lefthanded Patton. "He was a good pitcher," Patton said. "I was just waiting for my pitch. You can see why he's the best out there."

PATTON MADE great strides this summer after enduring a tough high school season at the plate. Patton hit 345 and anchored the Tri-City infield along with shortstop Lee Nunes.

As the season continued, Patton gained more confidence in his swing. In the Triplets' final game Sunday against Belleville, Patton went 2-4.

"At the beginning, it was difficult switching to Legion because we lost (to Edwardsville) in the regional," Patton said. "It took a while to get going, but I think everyone felt that way."

Patton helped lead the Triplets to the North Division regular-season and playoff titles and a berth in the district finals. Tri-City ended the year in tough fashion, losing to Belleville in a two-game sweep.

"BELLEVILLE WAS just real good," Patton said. "We kind of got embarrassed in the first game. The second game, we made it respectable."

"I was happy with the season. I felt I got my swing back."

Patton capped off the summer by playing for the North Division All-Star squad and also for the East team in the Missouri-Illinois All-Star Game on Monday. Patton and Tri-City teammate Joe Riser were named to the team.

"Both games were fun," Patton said. "You get to play against all the guys you hear about. It gave me confidence going into college, because you don't know what to expect."

AT ILLINOIS Wesleyan, Patton said he will be competing for a spot at second or third base. Illinois Wesleyan is an NCAA Division III school.

Patton will be playing for coach Dennis Martel.

"I'm real excited," Patton said. "We'll see what happens."

## •Stars

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advanced to third base on a groundout. Derek Zirkelbach (Edwardsville) drove in Maxfield on a hit and advanced to second when left fielder Brian Smith (Marissa) booted the ball. He later scored on Briggs' double to right field.

The South added some insurance runs in the fifth and seventh innings.

After reaching on an error in the fifth inning, Chris Joseph (Smithton) scored from first base to make the score 5-3 when Faust hit a dribbler down the third base line and North Division third baseman Bob Wilson (Tri-City) threw wildly into right field.

IN THE SEVENTH inning, Matt Belosi (Belleville) singled past a drawn-in infield to score Charlie Poindester (Cahokia) and Rodd Johnson (O'Fallon) to make the score 7-4.

"The kids were playing in and it was just out of their reach," said Edwardsville manager Ken Schake, who coached the North Division. "He hit the ball well. It wasn't a cheap hit. That would have hurt a little more."

"Those two insurance runs made a world of difference," Blazier said. "The North Division scored its final run in the eighth inning."

when Jeff Montgomery (Collinsville) hit a two-out single to score Post 365 teammate Joe Muniz. Collinsville's Steve Gungond also added a hit in the game.

In the pre-game festivities, other awards were handed out. Tri-City received the Sportsmanship Award. Tri-City and O'Fallon received plaques for winning the North and South, respectively, during the regular season. Belleville was awarded the District 22 championship trophy.

In addition, Tri-City's Marc Patton was awarded the District 22 scholarship.

Other members of the All Star team were:

SOUTH DIVISION: Tim Mueh (Belleville), Tom Worley (Fairview Heights), Matt Klamm (Fairview Heights), Joe Slings (Fairview Heights), Chad Gray (Fairview Heights), Jamon Company (East St. Louis), Jason Smith (Marissa), Chris Kohanz (Waterloo) and Brian Smith (Marissa).

NORTH DIVISION: Chad Bollman (Edwardsville), Shawn Boschert (Alton), Mike Godar (Alton), Derek Birchler (Highland), Ryan Martin (Highland), Dave Ufert (Wood River), Ben Hicks (Tri-City), Joe Reiser (Tri-City) and Jason Albers (Bethalto).

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## Funeral services

Area deaths reported in this week's Sunday and Wednesday newspapers include:

**ALGER, Mildred Louise** (Main), 65, of Bend, formerly of Granite City, died at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, July 29, 1993, at Memorial Medical Center, Springfield, Ill. Services were held Monday at Kravanya Funeral Home, Bend, by the Rev. Nelson Reiber. Burial was at Lake View Memorial Gardens, Belleville. Memorials to United Methodist Church, Bend.

**BARNES, Vivian, 86**, of Madison died Sunday, Aug. 1, 1993, at Anna-Henry Nursing Home, Edwardsville. Services were held Wednesday at Nash Funeral Home, East St. Louis. Burial was at Holy Cross Cemetery, Fairview Heights.

**DETWILER, Fern M.** (See-mee), 84, of Granite City, died at 12:20 a.m. Thursday, July 29, 1993. Services were held Saturday at Holy Lutheran Church, Granite City, by the Rev. David Kling. Burial was at Frieden's Cemetery, Troy. Irwin Chapel, Granite City, was in charge. Memorials to Holy Lutheran Church.

**ESMON, Jean (Robinson), 58**, of O'Fallon died at 9:15 p.m. Wednesday, July 28, 1993, at home. Services were held Saturday at Pete Gaedner Funeral Home, Belleville, by the Rev. Eugene Leckrone. Burial was at Valhalla Gardens of Memory, Belleville.

**FURBER, Carole C., 101**, of Madison died at 10:35 p.m. Friday, July 30, 1993, at Colonial Center, Granite City. Services were held Tuesday at Irwin Chapel, Granite City, by the Rev. Allen Eagleston. Burial was at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery, St. Louis County. Memorials to Church of God.

**GILBERTSON, Myra (Richardson), 53**, of Greenville, S.C.,

formerly of Granite City, died Thursday, July 29, 1993, at Greenville Memorial Hospital. Services were Saturday at Thomas McFay Funeral Home, Greenville. Burial was at Woodlawn Memorial Park, Greenville.

**GREEN, Shirley J. (Hobbs), 57**, of Granite City died at 2:43 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 1, 1993, at home. Services were held Wednesday at City Temple Assembly of God, 4751 Maryville Road, by the Rev. A.E. Cope. Burial was at Lake View Memorial Gardens, Belleville. Arrangements were by Irwin Chapel, Granite City. Memorials to Hospice of Southern Illinois.

**GUARDIOLA, Edna M. (Nease), 72**, of Madison, formerly of Granite City, died Thursday, July 29, 1993, at Anderson Hospital, Maryville. Services were held Monday at Mercer Mortuary, Granite City, by the Rev. Samuel Boda. Burial was at Calvary Cemetery, Glen Carbon. Memorials to American Diabetes Association.

**HONIKAN, Frieda Mae (Brooks), 57**, of Granite City died at 3:25 p.m. Monday, Aug. 2, 1993, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center. Services were held at 10 a.m. today at Irwin Chapel, Granite City, by the Rev. Wayne Lyon. Burial was at Oaklawn Cemetery, Edwardsville. Memorials to American Cancer Society or St. Elizabeth Medical Center.

**JARRETT, Robert N. "Bob," 65**, of Granite City died at 9:18 p.m. Thursday, July 29, 1993, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center. Services were held Monday at Irwin Chapel, Granite City, by the Rev. William Trapp. Burial was at Hill Memorial Estates, Glen Carbon. Memorials to the donor's choice.

**KNOTT, Jefferson Cullam Jr., 65**, of Granite City died at 12:17 p.m. Wednesday, July 28, 1993, at

St. Elizabeth Medical Center. Private services were held in Dover, Tenn. Local arrangements were by Irwin Chapel, Granite City. Memorials to American Cancer Society.

**NONN, Robert E., 64**, of Granite City died at 2:40 p.m. Saturday, July 31, 1993, at Christian Hospital Northeast, St. Louis County. Services were held Tuesday at Mercer Mortuary, Granite City, by the Rev. Dr. Bob Jones. Burial was at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery, St. Louis County. Memorials to American Heart Association.

**PHELPS, Harriett M. (Gaul), 85**, of Granite City died at 9:40 a.m. Thursday, July 29, 1993, at Colonial Center, Granite City. Services were held Saturday at Powell Church Cemetery, Norris City, Ill. Irwin Chapel of Granite City was in charge. Memorials to Mount Zion General Baptist Church.

**PUNET, Elizabeth D. "Betty," 64**, of Granite City, formerly of Venice, Madison County, Mo., died at 2:45 a.m. Saturday, July 31, 1993, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center. She was a member of Holy Family Catholic Church, Granite City. Graveside services are set for 11 a.m. Friday at Calvary Cemetery, Glen Carbon, with the Rev. Gary Kimmel officiating. Following cremation, burial will take place. Arrangements are by Lay-Sed-Hick Funeral Home, Madison County. Memorials to Holy Family Catholic Church.

**WILKINSON, Mary Joan (Blaylock), 63**, of Granite City died at 6:15 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 3, 1993, at Madison County Nursing Home, Edwardsville. Services were held at 10 a.m. today at Werner Chapel for funerals, Ponton Beach, by the Rev. Robert DeGrand. Burial was at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery, St. Louis County. Memorials to Alzheimer's Association.

## Surprise party on 75th birthday

A surprise 75th birthday party was given for attorney Charles H. Jungles on June 6 by his family at Jerry's Cafeteria on Johnson Road in Granite City. Jungles pledged a toast to him and welcomed all the guests. A buffet dinner and a decorated cake followed. Best wishes were extended to Jungles by his wife, Mildred; Mr. and Mrs. Carl Barlett; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Castle; Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Cuchna; Mr. and Mrs. Howard Johannmeier; Mr. and Mrs. Al Tarporff; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Leow; Roland Kennedy; Mrs. and Mrs. Dwayne Dierhorn and sons, Jon Paul and Brett; Irene Turpenoff; Melba Tarporff; Tom Tarporff; Sherri Hahn; Beverly Rapp; Howard Jungles; Mr. and Mrs. Michael Orriss of Lacon, Ill.; Julie Orriss and friend, Matt, from Lacon; Susan and friend, Michael, from Sarasota, Fla.

## Daughters of Isabella hold picnic

The Daughters of Isabella, Our Lady of Fatima Circle 835, July picnic was held in the Knights of Columbus meeting room, Josephine Yurko, chancellor, led the prayer.

Members provided a variety of covered dishes and chicken was catered by Petri's. The regent, conducted a short meeting. Dorothy Hoedebeck, recording secretary, read the previous month's minutes. Member of auditing committee, Cecelia Mance, reported the books were audited and found to be in good order. She also accepted the traveling vocation crucifix for the month.

Members voted to send a donation to Father James Keating, State D of I chaplain.

## Mauldin-Mallady family reunion

A Mauldin-Mallady family reunion and barbecue was held on Saturday, June 13, at the home of Opal Boyett in Granite City. Three of the five Mauldins and their families were in attendance. They were Oran "Bill" and Fern Mauldin and children, Debby, Denise, and Diana; Opal (Mauldin) and Gordon Boyett and children, Karen, Wendy, and Rick; and Helen (Mauldin) Birdsong and children, Danny, David, Donna, Darla, and Derenda.

Robert Royce Mauldin of St. Louis; Thomas Harold Mauldin of Mount Morris, Mich.; Dennis Mauldin; and Doug Birdsong were unable to attend.

Approximately 41 relatives and friends enjoyed this get-together.

## 3 among Bradley grads

Three Granite Citians were among the nearly 900 undergraduates who received degrees from Bradley University in Peoria during commencement ceremonies on May 15.

They were Kristen R. Lewis, a bachelor of science; Kimberly A. Pritchard, B.S.C.; and Michael J. Selzer, B.S.C. Bradley University is a fully accredited, comprehensive, coeducational, private university established in 1871.



## Middle School students jump rope for health, heart fund

Madison Middle School's "Jump Rope For Heart" event was held in the school's gymnasium.

The program promotes physical education and a healthy heart while raising funds to help the American Heart Association.

Teams of six students took turns jumping rope and each jumper was to secure pledges or donations for the time the team jumped.

A total of 133 students from grades five through eight participated and \$1,091 had been collected for the AHA. Several students participated "in honor of" a friend or relative with heart problems.

Students earned prizes from the AHA according to the amount of

donation money they turned in. Prizes ranged from jump rope to T-shirts and sports equipment.

More than 40 attendance prizes were given out during the event to students. Refreshments were served to all who participated.

The top five individuals participating were: Laura Peterson, third for the third year; individual champion; Kim Odum, second; P.J. Kosteck, third, in the top five for the third year; fourth, Becky Gehling, in the top five for the second year; and fifth, Darren Jones.

The couple honeymooned in Biloxi, Miss.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Chausse

## Chausse-Ribbing

Katherine Theresa Ribbing, daughter of Marvin and Audrey Ribbing of Ponton Beach, and Donald Condon Chausse, son of Donald and Rita Chausse of Mascoutah, were married May 22, 1993, at Holy Family Catholic Church, Granite City, by the Rev. Bill Fisher.

The maid of honor was Wendy Chamberlain of Granite City. Bridesmaids were Kristin Kibler, Kristin Kibler, and Kristin Kibler. The groomsmen were Rick Chausse and Larry Chausse, both of Granite City.

Ushers were Tim Graves of Caseyville and Jack McVickar of St. Louis.

The bride is a 1992 graduate of Granite City High School.

The groom is a 1990 graduate of Freeburg Community High School.

The couple honeymooned in Biloxi, Miss.

## Local student made Rockford College RA

Maria Moslander, a graduate student pursuing a master of arts degree in teaching, has been named a resident adviser at Rockford College in Rockford for the 1993-94 academic year.

Moslander, daughter of Thomas and Mary Moslander of Granite City, is a 1992 graduate of Granite City High School.

As a resident adviser, Moslander will be responsible for enforcing campus policy and overall operation of a residence hall. She will be working with students; provide educational, recreational and social programming; and provide counseling for personal and academic concerns.

Selection for this position is based in part on accomplishments and leadership on campus.

As a resident adviser, Moslander is a member of the student services staff.

Some of the nominating parties who provided letters of recommendation for Moslander are: Mr. and Mrs. Rudolf Moftuk, Connie's parents; Mr. and Mrs. Albert Grupas, Jerry's parents; Mr. and Mrs. Ray Drewe, best man and matron of honor; Jennie Dyjeski, Matt Jakich, Frank Dyjeski, Art and Mary Ann Treppner, Dan and Debbie Davison, Frank and Dorothy Frawley, Leonard Dyjeski, Mary Treppner, Mary Doctor and Ben Treppner.

For the surprise party, Jerry and Connie were at the home of a daughter born at 7:24 a.m. June 18, 1993, at Barnes Hospital. The baby was named Katie Elizabeth. She weighed 8 pounds, 4 1/2 ounces, and joins Cassie Elaine, age 6.

How to submit your articles

Weddings, engagements, anniversaries and other items for the family pages may be directed to the Press-Record at 1815 Delmar Ave., Granite City, Ill. 62040. Photos of a reprintable quality also will be considered for publication.

If you need further information, call Dawn at 877-7700.

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Top participants in Jump Rope For Heart include, from left, Darren Jones, Becky Gehling, William McKenzie, Kenyotta Simpson, Tiffany Redden, Terri Soles and Samantha Wolfe.

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## Military

## Scott Carpenter

Marine Private Scott J. Carpenter, son of Gerald P. Carpenter of Venice, recently completed recruit training.

During the training cycle with Recruit Training Battalion, Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, recruits are taught the basics of battlefield survival, introduced to typical military duty routine, and personal and professional standards.

All recruits participate in an active physical conditioning program and gain proficiency in a variety of military skills, including first aid, rifle marksmanship and close-order drill. Teamwork and self-discipline are emphasized throughout the cycle.

The 1990 graduate of Granite City High School joined the Marine Corps in January 1993.

## Dennis Rushing

Dennis M. Rushing, son of Dennis and Sheila Rushing of Granite City, enlisted in the Air Force Delayed Enlistment Program, according to Sgt. Paul Frost.

Air Force recruiter, located at 1631 Washington Ave., St. Louis.

Rushing, a 1993 graduate of Granite City High School, is scheduled for enlistment in the regular Air Force on Nov. 12. Upon graduation from the Air Force's six-week basic training course at Lackland Air Force Base, near San Antonio, Texas, Rushing is scheduled to receive technical training in the mechanics career field.

Rushing will be earning credits toward an associate degree in applied sciences through the Community College of the Air Force while attending basic and technical training schools.

## Jeremy White

Marine Private First Class Jeremy L. White, son of Maureen L. White of Granite City, recently participated in the 16-day combined military exercise "Team Spirit-93," conducted in the Republic of Korea.

White is with Third Combat Engineer Battalion, Third Marine Division, Okinawa, Japan.

White joined almost 100,000 personnel from all branches of the U.S. military and the Republic of Korea. Fourteen U.S. and 29 South Korean ships took part in this year's exercise.

The Team Spirit land, sea and air training exercises have been held periodically since 1976 to improve the defensive readiness of the Republic of Korea. The large-scale operations tested the two nations' ability to work together as they deploy large numbers of troops, equipment and supplies in and around South Korea.

An amphibious landing involved surface ships from both countries and more than 9,500 U.S. Marines. This exercise demonstrates the Navy and Marine Corps' teams ability to respond to short notice to crises in distant lands, from the sea.

The 1992 graduate of O'Fallon Township High School joined the Marine Corps in March of 1992.

## Kenneth Goff

Navy Chief Petty Officer Kenneth E. Goff, son of Jeanette A. Goff of Madison, recently returned with command, Carrier Air Wing 15, at Naval Air Station Miramar, Calif., from a six-month deployment to the Western Pacific and Persian Gulf as part of the aircraft carrier USS Kitty Hawk Battle Group.

During the deployment, elements of the battle group participated in the relief effort Operation Restore Hope by supporting the delivery of food and medical supplies to key relief centers in Somalia. The battle group also participated in Operation Southern Watch, enforcing conformance with French, British and Russian forces.

The staff of Carrier Air Wing 15 directs the operations of the aircraft squadrons embarked aboard the Kitty Hawk.

The deployment exemplified the Navy and Marine Corps' new strategy entitled "...From the Sea," which stresses operating forward to project a powerful American image, building foundations for viable coalitions, enhancing diplomatic contacts, reassuring friends and demonstrating U.S. power and resolve.

The 1972 graduate of Madison Senior High School joined the Navy in June of 1983. Goff is a 1991 graduate of Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, with a bachelor of science degree. His wife, Barbara, is the daughter of Gerald and Mildred Zarr of Madison.

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## Local man wins honor as Sailor of Quarter

Sitting at his desk, at the headquarters of the commander, Naval Aviation Activities, Brunswick, engulfed in paperwork, with three people standing over him waiting for a response to their request is SK2 Parry E. Perdue.

Perdue will shortly try to accommodate all requests by researching, ordering or checking the supply locker.

CNAAB is housed at the Topsham Annex.

Tomorrow Perdue will go to the Brunswick Naval Air Station to drop off requisitions to customer service, then on to purchasing to check on the status of ordered items and finally to the warehouse to pick up supplies.

Perdue is not only in charge of the command's supplies but is also the facilities manager.

"Anything that goes wrong with the command headquarters building I fix or contact someone to fix it," he said. "This involves liaison with the Naval Air Station Work Department."

"Petty Officer Perdue is a true superstar. His dedication, motivation and burning desire to excel is impressive. He is extremely worthy of this recognition," said AOCM (AW) Jerry White, CNAAB, command master chief.

Perdue has been selected a top performer, Sailor of the Quarter, by Rear Admiral Jon S. Coleman, commander, Naval Aviation Activities, Brunswick.

Perdue has been a storekeeper

in the Navy for six years. Eli's father, the late James Perdue, was a master sergeant in the Marine Corp. He was a Pearl Harbor survivor and served in the Pacific Theater during World War II.

Along with procuring and managing office equipment and supplies, Perdue maintains and monitors the staff operating budget and submits all required reports.

Perdue also serves as staff facilities manager and key control officer.

"I like working here because it is independent duty. I like being in charge of most aspects of my job," said Perdue.

"He deserved it. Petty Officer Perdue is a true professional who performs all tasks in an outstanding manner," said Jane Welch, CNAAB, Administrator Officer.

Perdue graduated from Granite City High School and joined the Navy in 1986. Perdue's first command, the USS Frank Cable out of

Charleston, S.C., was his most memorable.

While aboard the ship it deployed for six months and visited many ports including Italy, France, Monaco, Spain and Canada. Perdue said he loved Europe especially Torremolinos, Spain.

"Torremolinos is a gathering spot for young people from all over Europe during the summer. I had a blast!"

"I still have a lot of thinking to do about a career in the military. I have enjoyed the Navy, and learned a lot. The Navy has given me a degree of discipline that I did not have prior to the military," said Perdue.

During a ceremony recently, Perdue was awarded an engraved Sailor of the Quarter plaque for his outstanding performance. Along with the plaque, he received a \$240 scholarship from New Hampshire College.

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## Walton on six-month Persian Gulf trip

Navy Lt. Ronald D. Walton, son of Donald L. and Patsy A. Walton of Granite City, has completed the first half of a six-month Persian Gulf and Indian Ocean deployment aboard the amphibious transport dock USS Nashville, homeported in Norfolk, Va., as part of the USS Wasp Amphibious Ready Group.

Walton is participating in Operation Restore Hope, a peace-keeping operation off the coast of Somalia. Elements of the amphibious ready group provided a rapid, from-the-sea response force of Navy units and Marine Corps special-operations capable assault troops, helicopter, Harrier aircraft and other amphibious assault vehicles to the multi-national peace-keeping force command in Somalia.

USS Nashville spent 50 days off the coast of Somalia earlier in the deployment.

The 1981 graduate of Granite City High School North joined the Navy in July 1981. Walton is a graduate of Dragon State University in Corvallis.

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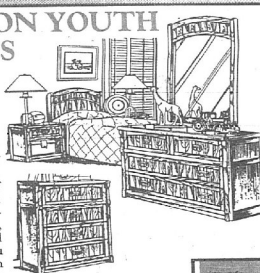
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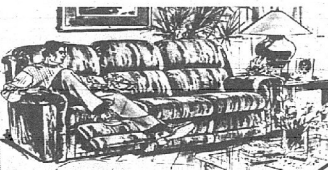
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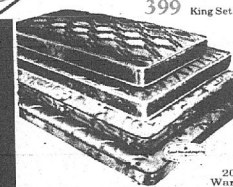
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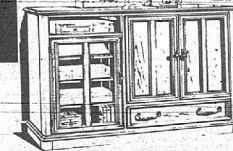
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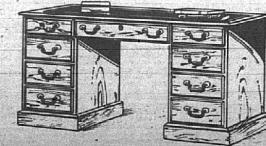
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